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THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

The reduction in the rates of Inland Postage on Newspapers by one-half came into operation from the 1st October, and the *Bombay Gazette* is now sent POST FREE to all Up-country Subscribers, who are thus put on an equal footing with Town Subscribers.

From 1st January 1872, the uniform Rates of Subscription to the *Gazette*, for Town and Country, will be on the following reduced scale:—

	Uniform New Scale.	Old Scale. Town.	Country.
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Half year, "	" 24	" 28	" 38
Three months "	" 14	" 15	" 21
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Ten Lines and under—

First insertion	Rs. 5 0
Second do	" 2 8
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per line, but no Advertisement counted as less than eight lines.

LONG ADVERTISEMENTS.

First insertion	6 As. per line.
Second do	4½ " "
Third and succeeding	3½ " "

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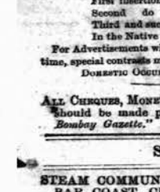
For Advertisements which are to be inserted for a considerable time, special contracts may be made.

Domestic Occurrences. Each—Rupee 1.

All Cheques, Money Orders, and other Remittances, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship DACCA, 1,699 Tons, 300 H.P., Commander J. Patterson, will be despatched on Tuesday, the 19th December, at 4 P.M.

	Dec.		Dec.
Leave Bombay	19	Leave Colombo	28
" Ratnagherry	20	" Galle	29
" Vingoora	21		Jan. 1872
" Carwar	21		
" Mangalore	22	" Negapatam	1
" Cannanore	23	" Madras	3
" Tellicherry	23	" Coconada	5
" Calicut	24	" Vizagapatam	6
" Beypore	24	" Bimlipatam	6
" Cochin	25	" Gopaulpore	7
" Aliepey	26	" False Point	8
" Tuticorin	27	Arrive CALCUTTA	13

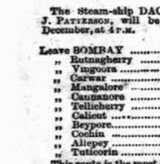
This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut or Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussora, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

The Steam-ship INDIA, 1,010 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on Monday, the 11th December 1871, at noon.

	Dec.		Dec.
Leave BOMBAY	11	Leave BUSSORAH	29
" Kurrachee	15	" Fao	29
" Guadur	16	" Bushire	30
			Jan.
" Muscat	18	" Linga	2
" Bunder Abbas	20	" Bunder Abbas	5
" Linga	21	" Muscat	8
" Bushire	24	" Guadur	9
" Fao	26	" Kurrachee	10
Arrive BUSSORAH	27	Arrive BOMBAY	13

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every Monday, at noon.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Scott, will be despatched on Monday, the 18th December, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAMER TO THE MALABAR COAST.

THE well known first-class fast sailing steamer MOUNTSTUART ELPHINSTONE, Commander Francis J. Ravin, will leave Bombay, for the undermentioned Ports, from Apollo Bunder, on FRIDAY, at 4 P.M., and will leave Carwar on MONDAY evening for Bombay:—

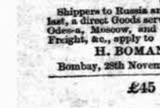
Hurnee	Malwan	
Tangewell	Vingorla	
Ratnagherry	Goa (Panjim)	
Jaitapore	Carwar.	

For Freight or Passage apply to JEEWAJEE VITTAL, 73, Bazaar Gate Street; or 45, Kolbadevi Road; or T. G. Fernandes, Coach-builder, Byculla opposite Jewish Synagogue.

Bombay, 23rd November 1871.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH RUSSIA, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Russian Steam Navigation Trading and Odessa Railway Company have established a regular service between Odessa and Bombay.



IN accordance with the above, the Steam-ship NACHIMOFF, Horse Power, 2,310 Tons, Captain Gekkel, is expected here about the 10th of January next, and will have quick despatch.

Shippers to Russia are informed that from the 17th February last, a direct Goods service by Rail has been established between Odessa, Moscow, and St. Petersburgh, at reduced rates. For Freight, &c., apply to

H. BOMANJEE, TOUCHE, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 28th November 1871.

£45 TO ENGLAND.

THE magnificent first-class full power Iron Steam Ship EUROPEAN, 3,000 Tons Register, 450 Horse Power (lately of Allan's Liverpool and Canadian Line), G. F. Annan, Commander, will leave Bombay for Liverpool direct (via Suez Canal) on the 10th JANUARY 1872.

This fine Steamer has spacious Saloon and Cabins fitted up with every comfort and convenience.

A liberal Table will be kept.

First Class, to Liverpool	£45,
Children under 10 years—half fare; Infants—free,	

exclusive of Wines and Liquors, which can be had on board at moderate rates.

JOHNSON & Co.,
Ship-Brokers, Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.
(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. Rubattino & Co., Genoa. The regular Steamers leave

GENOA	and	BOMBAY
on the 24th,		on the 1st
of each month.		

PASSENGER RATES.
(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£22	£15	£7	Without Wines.
" Suez	26	17	8	
Port Said	28	18	9	
Alexandria	30	20	9-10	
Messina	50	34	14	Including Wines.
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	52	36	14-10	

Children under 3 years, free of charge.
Children not above 10 years, half fare.
Next Steamers from Bombay:—
ARABIA, on MONDAY, 1st JANUARY 1872.
PERSIA, on THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY 1872.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to
VOLKART BROTHERS.
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.
Bombay, 30th September 1871.

[illegible] VEGETABLE CHARCOAL OR PURE CARBON
OF THE MOST EFFECTUAL PRESERVERS OF HEALTH
[illegible]ed to the public, for its action in absorbing all impure [illegible] the stomach and bowels, it affords speedy relief in all [illegible]ases of
[illegible]Y, BILE, DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, IMPURE BREATH, &c.,
[illegible]valuable in cases of, and is the best known preventative [illegible]w and other Fevers. It is largely used and recommended [illegible] highest medical authorities in England. Sold in [illegible] Bottles by
[illegible]. BRAGG, 2, Wigmore St.; Cavendish Sq., London.

Agents for Bombay Presidency,
TREACHER & CO., LIMITED.

[illegible]PPER-PLATE PRINTING,
ENGRAVING, &c.

[illegible]TING CARDS, Invitation Cards, Wedding Cards and [illegible]es, Cheques, Bills of Lading, Office and Bank Seals, [illegible]r Stamping Envelopes, &c., engraved to order, and at [illegible]te prices.

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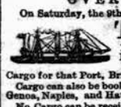
SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Saturday, the 9th December, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.



THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. DELHI (2,178 tons and 400 H.P.), Captain C. J. Wilkinson, will LEAVE for SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Genoa, Naples, and Havre, Liverpool or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

REDUCTION OF FARES.

The Rates of Passage Money have been reduced as follows:—

To BRINDISI	First Class Rs. 600	Second Class Rs. 300
To SOUTHAMPTON	" " 650	" " 350

Exclusive of Wines and Liquors, and the transit through Egypt.

All Children under 3 years of age, free; above 3 and under 10, half fare.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. EMEU (1,538 tons and 300 H.P.), will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th December, leaving Mazagon at noon on that day, and carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 5th December.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and COMPANY, No. 25, Apollo Street.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS, BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, AND OTHERS.

AUCTION SALE of a Stock of Machinery used for preparing Patent Ice by the Ice Factory of Girgaum, and the most valuable Freehold Properties, known by the name of Patent Ice Factory, situated at Girgaum Back Road.

Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. are favoured with instructions from the Liquidators of the Central Bank of Western India to submit to sale by Public Auction, at the above place, on a day which will be hereafter notified, the whole of that varied and useful stock of Machinery, and also the most valuable Freehold Properties.

For further particulars, apply to the undersigned.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 7th December, 1871.

ALL WHO SUFFER FROM INDIGESTION SHOULD USE
NORTON'S
CAMOMILE PILLS.
Sold everywhere.
Bottles 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., and 11s.

J. AND E. ATKINSON.

WHOLESALE AND EXPORT PERFUMERS, AND FANCY SOAP MANUFACTURERS,
24, OLD BOND STREET, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1799.
Prize Medals—London, 1862; Paris, 1867.

ATKINSONS' CELEBRATED WHITE ROSE AND OTHER PERFUMES.
ATKINSON'S CELEBRATED EAU-DE-COLOGNE.
ATKINSONS' CELEBRATED BROWN WINDSOR SOAP, &c.

N.B.—All Perfumes manufactured "in Bond," and shipped duty free at great reduction.

PRICE LIST ON APPLICATION.

Caution.—Many spurious imitations are now sold of Messrs. J. & E. Atkinsons' Goods; orders should therefore be sent direct or through commission houses of repute. Their goods may be had of all respectable dealers throughout India and China.

PATENT WROUGHT NAILS.

J. J. CORDES & Co.,

The Patentees and Sole Manufacturers of the well-known Patent Wrought Nails, commonly known as

"EWBANK'S NAILS,"

desire to make it known that they have adopted a "Star" as their Trade Mark, and that all Nails now made and sent out by them, except clasp, bear this mark upon their heads, and that within every Package and Case their Works have placed a card bearing their name and address.

Any Nails, therefore, which are not distinguished as above must not be confounded with

"EWBANK'S NAILS,"

the quality of which is so well appreciated as being far superior to that of any other make.

Dog Works—NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE, ENGLAND

ENGLISH GOODS.
(VIA SUEZ CANAL)
AT CHEAPEST RATES.

D. NICHOLSON and Co.,
SILK, WOOLLEN, and MANCHESTER WAREHOUSEMEN
(Wholesale and Retail),
INDIA, COLONIAL and FOREIGN OUTFITTERS,
50 TO 52, ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD,
(Corner of Cheapside), LONDON,
Established 1843,

Invite the attention of OFFICERS of both Services, and FAMILIES residing in India and China, to their Illustrated 120 page Catalogue, sent Post Free, containing full particulars as to Woollen, Silk, and Cotton Goods of every description.

Ladies' Clothing, Linens, Hosiery, Gloves, Ribbons, Haberdashery, Jewellery, &c.

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Household Furniture	Cutlery	Beers
Mechanical Ironmongery	Carriages	Preserved Provisions
Fire-arms	Saddlery and Harness	Stationery
Agricultural Implements	Boots and Shoes	Books
	Hats	Toys, &c., &c.
	Ales	
	Wines	

Shipped at Lowest Export Prices.

Sole Agents for the "Wanzer" and the "Britannia" Sewing Machines, for the City of London.

Foreign Produce Disposed of for a Commission of 2½ per cent.

Price List can be had of Messrs. WHEATLEY & Co., Bombay.

D. NICHOLSON and Co.,
50, 51 & 52, St. Paul's Churchyard, London.

Terms—Not less than 5 per cent. to accompany Indents, and Balance against Bills of Lading.

GRIMAULT AND CO.'S
(CHEMISTS TO THE COURT,
8, RUE VIVIENNE, PARIS.)
FRENCH MEDICINES.

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S DISEASES.
GRIMAULT AND CO.'S
SYRUP OF IODIZED HORSE RADISH.

Patronized for more than Twenty Years by the Paris Physicians. Cures lymphatism, rachitism, scrofula, congestion of the glands of the neck, paleness and flabbiness of the flesh, loss of appetite, weakness of constitution, the various eruptions on the face, boils, pimples, and itchings.—It is the best remedy against the first stage of consumption, and it is the most powerful depurative known.

Dr. LERAS'
SOLUBLE PHOSPHATE of IRON.

Clear as spring water and tasteless; has the advantage over all ferruginous preparations of containing Iron and Phosphorus, which are the elements of blood. It cures chlorosis, pains in the stomach, difficult digestions, diarrhœa, anæmia, general debility and poorness of the blood, and agrees especially with the most delicate stomachs.

LUNG DISEASES.
GRIMAULT AND CO.'S
SYRUP of HYPOPHOSPHITE of LIME.

It is the best and the most rational of all remedies against consumptions. Under its influence the cough abates, the night sweats cease, and the patient rapidly recovers health. It gives the same results in cases of coughs, catarrhs, hooping-coughs, and influenzas. In comparing this Syrup with the other sold under the same name, it will be easy to recognise the superiority of this preparation.

Therefore, to avoid any substitution, please to require on the bottle the signature: *Grimault and Co.*

NERVOUS HEAD-ACHE AND NEURALGIA.
GRIMAULT AND CO.'S
GUARANA.

A single powder of this natural vegetable production is sufficient to cure instantly the most violent sick headache. It is the most valuable remedy against diarrhœa.

GRIMAULT AND CO.'S
MATICO,
CAPSULES AND LIQUID.

Where all other medicines have failed, these preparations will always effect a cure. They insure rapid and extraordinary cure of severe, recent, and chronic cases of private disease. They are found greatly superior to all hitherto known mineral remedies and to copaiba and cubeb. Require the signature: *Grimault & Co.*

GRIMAULT AND CO.'S
DIGESTIVE POWDERS, PILLS, and ELIXIR OF
PEPSINE,

Of certain effect against nausea, pituite, heart-burn, gastritis gastralgia, children's diarrhœa, inflammation of the mucous coats of the stomach and bowels, vomiting during pregnancy, jaundice, etc.

ASTHMA.
GRIMAULT AND CO.'S
INDIAN CIGARETTES OF CANNABIS INDICA.

Recent experiments in France, England, and Germany, have proved that these cigarettes are a sovereign remedy for the above disagreeable affections, especially when Belladona, Stramonium, and Opium have failed to give relief.

Agents:

MOSKY & Co	Calcutta.
TREACHER & Co	Bombay. Poona.
BARRIE & Co	Madras.

And at all the respectable Chemists.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR LONDON.

THE fine fast-sailing ship SALADIN, A 1, 13 years at Lloyds, Captain James Ranken.

This favourite vessel is a regular trader, and will have prompt despatch.

For Freight or Passage apply to

BLAY and MACKINTOSH.

Elphinstone Circle.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

MESSRS. T. WILSON, SONS, and Co.'s fine new Steamer HANTHO, 1,380 tons register, 250 H. P., will SAIL for LIVERPOOL about the end of December. This Steamer has excellent accommodation for First-class Passengers. A plan of the Saloon can be seen on application.

THE RATES FOR PASSAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

1st Class to Liverpool	£50
Do. Suez	£30 } Exclusive of Wines.
2nd Class to Liverpool	£20

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Bombay, 6th December 1871. Agents s.s. Hantho.

P.S.—Application for Passage may also be made to Messrs. GRINDLAY, GROOM, & Co.

THEATRE ROYAL,
GRANT ROAD.
FOR A FEW NIGHTS ONLY.
A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME EACH PERFORMANCE.

DAVE CARSON, SAHIB KA
SECOND FAREWELL PUCKA TUMASHA.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1871.

PROGRAMME.
PART FIRST.

Introductory Prelude ... Violin and Piano ... { Madame Carson and A. Scandadis, Jun.

Song ... { There's a Letter in the Candle } Mr. S. Herberte.

Romanza ... La Reine de la Valse. Madame Carson.

COMIC STORY,
INTRODUCING THE POPULAR SONG,
GOOD BYE, JOHN.
DAVE CARSON.

Violin Fantasia ... Luci ... Mons. Semeladis.

American Ballad ... { Kiss me Night, Mother } Good ... Madame Carson.

Cavatina ... Robert le Diable. ... Madame Carson.

PART FIRST WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE DESCRIPTIVE AND ORIGINAL SONG, ENTITLED,
THE DAK GHARRIE,
BY
DAVE CARSON.
AN INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES.
PART SECOND.

Ballad ... Driven from Home. Mr. S. Herberte.

Couplets de la Coupe ... Galatea ... Madame Carson.

THE SCHOOLMASTER ABROAD.
DAVE CARSON.

Solo Violin ... Les Echos, De Beriot. Mons. Semeladis.

Recitative and Air ... Orinthia ... Mr. S. Herberte.

THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT WILL CONCLUDE WITH
DAVE CARSON'S ORIGINAL COMIC SKETCH,
ENTITLED,
A TRIP THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL,
INTRODUCING VOCAL CHARACTERISTICS OF
GERMANY, IRELAND, AND BENGAL,
AND TERMINATING WITH THE NEGRO SONG AND DANCE,
'COME DOWN WITH THE GREENBACKS.'

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Dress Circle	Rs. 4 0 0	Gallery	Rs. 2 0 0
Stalls	" 3 0 0	Pit	" 1 0 0
		Children—Half Price.	

Doors open at 8 o'clock. Performance to commence at 9 P.M.

Reserved Seat Tickets may be obtained of SOUNDY & Co., where a Plan of the Dress Circle can be seen.

THE GREGORYS'
LAST NIGHTS IN BOMBAY.
THIS EVENING,
A most attractive programme, embracing all the principal performances of this popular troupe, and new coods pantomime.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) DECEMBER,
GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT
TO THE SISTERS
GERTRUDE AND BESSIE GREGORY,
Tendered by a large number of friends and admirers of these favourite artistes.

Tickets may be had at SOUNDY'S.

Positively the last Day Performance on
SATURDAY AFTERNOON NEXT, Dec. 9,
AT 3 O'CLOCK.

For the convenience of suburban families, schools, and children.

Plan of Reserved Seats at SOUNDY & Co., Fort.

Admission—Rs. 3, 2, and 1; Children, half-price.

Evening Performances, Doors open at 8-15; commence at 9.

Carriages for 11 o'clock.

NOTICE.—To be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION in H. M.'s Dockyard, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th instant, and the days following, a quantity of OLD and UNSERVICEABLE MARINE STORES, consisting of AWNINGS, SAILS, ROPE (Coir and Europe), BOOMS, BOATS, MASTS, YARDS, OLD BRASS, COPPER, IRON and LEAD, COAL DUST, CASKS, TINS, &c., &c.

Also H. M.'s steam Tug JORAWAR, on FRIDAY, the 15th instant, of 101 46/100 Register Tonnage, 100 Horse-power, 128 feet long, 19 feet beam, and 10 feet deep, built in England in 1864, as she stands on the day of sale. Terms of Sale as usual, and for further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. L. SEARLE,
Lieutenant late I.N., Marine Storekeeper.
Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 5th December 1871.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of Act XIX. of 1857, and of the ALLIANCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given, that by an Order made by the Honourable Sir Charles Sargent, Knight, on the Twenty-third day of December last, a CALL of FIFTY RUPEES per Share HAS BEEN MADE on the CONTRIBUTORIES of the abovenamed Corporation, appearing on the second part of the list, PAYABLE on or before the 15th day of DECEMBER instant. All Contributories on the said second part are therefore requested to pay the amount of Call due from them; further proceedings will otherwise after the 15th instant be taken against them.—Dated this 6th day of December 1871.

MANISTY & FLETCHER,
Solicitors for Official Liquidators.

PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE OF LONDON.
WITH UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF THE SHAREHOLDERS.
ESTABLISHED 1782.

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Lombard Street and Charing Cross, London.

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Edward Hawkins, Junior, Esq.	

Policies of Insurance granted on Merchandize, Warehouses, and Shops, Dwelling Houses, and their contents and other insurable property at Current Rates.

The Undersigned are now prepared to accept risks for Short Periods at a considerable reduction on former rates, particulars of which can be had on application.

BRICE, BROWN, & Co., Agents.

TO LET, on Parell Hill, after the 15th instant, the HOUSE at present in the occupation of Mr. Soden.—Apply to

NARAYAN VASUDEVJEE.

28, Kalbadevie Road.

ADVERTISING AT RAILWAY STATIONS.

THE Proprietor of the "Bombay Gazette" Press having leased (among other privileges) from the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company, the exclusive right of advertising at all the Railway Stations belonging to those two Companies, is prepared to contract with parties desirous of posting Notices and Advertisements on the lines.

The announcements may be in English or in any of the Native languages.

The advantages which Railway Stations present as a means of bringing intimations of all kinds before the Public have been demonstrated in England by the extensive use which is made by Advertisers, of every station, great and small, along every line in the United Kingdom.

Insurance Companies, Shipping Companies, Hotel-keepers, Merchants, Traders, and others who wish to force their business on the notice of the Public, all alike value the privilege of Railway Station Advertising.

There is no reason why the privilege should not be also specially valuable to Advertisers in India. Looking to the great and increasing number of Native Railway Passengers on the two trunk lines of Western India, native merchants, traders, &c., seeing that they have the privilege of advertising in their own language, would find the publication of their announcement at Railway Stations a decided means of extending their business.

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NOTICES.

MR. L. SINGER is authorised to SIGN our Firm per procuration from this date.

JULES SIEGFRIED & Co.

Bombay, 5th December 1871.

NOTICE.—We beg to intimate that Mr. O. NOLKE will henceforth SIGN our FIRM.

VOLKART BROTHERS.

4th December 1871.

NOTICE.—BOMBAY SAW MILLS.—We are prepared to execute ORDERS for First-class MOULMEIN TEAK SCANTLINGS of ordinary sizes, at Rs. 2-8 per Cubic Foot.

W. NICOL & Co.

20th November 1871.

NOTICE.—Mr. ROBERT LEES is authorized to SIGN our FIRM per Procuration from this DATE.

WHITTLE, ANDERSON, & Co.

Dhollera, 1st December 1871.

NOTICE.—The British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, is prepared to BOOK CARGO at a through rate for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, and Shanghai. The Cargo will be transhipped at Point de Galle to the Steamers of the Messageries Maritime Company.

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FINLAY, MUIR, & Co.

Bombay, 1st December 1871.

TENDERS for BUILDING the NEW SAILOR'S HOME will be received by the Undersigned up to 3rd January 1872.

Further information will be afforded, and the Drawings and Specifications may be inspected at the Office of the Undersigned during Office hours, up to the 24th instant.

Printed copies of the Specification, Schedule of Prices, and Tender Form may be obtained on payment of Three Rupees.

J. HART, C.E.,
Acting Architect and Executive Engineer and Surveyor.

New Secretariat Building, Bombay, 4th December 1871.

BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY
BYCULLA SCHOOLS.

The Committee invites TENDERS for the Supply of the FOLLOWING ARTICLES for ONE YEAR, commencing 1st January 1872, as per Schedules:—

Beef, Mutton, Milk, Bread, Flour, Bolong, Rice, Plums, Tea, Sugar, Oil, Firewood, Charcoal, Vegetables of sorts, Country Shoes, and many other articles in use, concerning which full information as to probable quantities, present rates, &c., &c., will be furnished upon application.

Forms of Tenders and Schedules can be obtained by intending Contractors upon application at the Secretary's Office, Byculla Schools.

The Committee does not bind itself to accept the lowest, nor to assign any reason for the rejection of any Tender.

Tenders will be received up to 1st the 22nd December 1871.

Byculla Schools, 1st December 1871.

TO the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY.

I hereby give NOTICE, that an ADJOURNED SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY will be HELD at the Court House, Town Hall, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of December 1871, at 9 o'clock in the afternoon, precisely, to proceed with the consideration of the Municipal Commissioner's Budget for 1872.

F. STANGER LEATHES,
Clerk to the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay.

Bombay, Town Hall, 4th December 1871.

TO the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY.

I hereby give NOTICE, that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY OF BOMBAY will be HELD in the Durbar Room, Town Hall, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of December 1871, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon precisely, to consider the expediency of appointing a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Municipal Corporation for the purpose of obtaining from one or more Banks in the City of Bank Credits of one or more Lakhs of Rupees to be applied to the liquidation of the Arrears of Land Revenue now due to Government.

F. STANGER LEATHES,
Clerk to the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay.

Bombay, Town Hall, 4th December 1871.

AT the disposal of the sheriff [illegible]

T. C. HOPE, Esquire, will bring forward the following BUSINESS:—

Application from Mr. Edginton, Deputy Commissioner of [illegible] Mr. Durham's claims for pension in respect of his services to the Municipality.

To consider Mr. C. Durham's claims to pension in respect of his services to the Municipality.

To consider applications for Mr. J. W. Seager and other persons for gratuities and pensions.

SANCTION TO CERTAIN BYE-LAWS.

The Municipal Commissioner to ask the sanction of the Bench, under Section 317 of Act L. of 1865, to the making of a General Census of Bombay on the night of the 21st February 1872, the necessary bye-laws to be made on the general principles laid by Dr. Hewlett a. the Meeting of the Bench held on the 23rd ultimo, subject to such modifications in details as may hereafter be found necessary.

And also,

Letter from Acting Chief Secretary, General Department, dated 28th November last, forwarding Government Resolution on the subject of the Census of the City of Bombay.

Letters from T. Ormiston, Esq., and Dr. I. B Lyon, declining to serve on the Committee appointed by the Bench to report on fossil horns, 19 feet long, and 10 feet deep, built in England in 1864, as she stands on the day of sale. Terms of Sale as usual, and for further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. L. SEARLE,
Lieutenant late I.N., Marine Storekeeper.
Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 5th December 1871.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of Act XIX. of 1857, and of the ALLIANCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given, that by an Order made by the Honourable Sir Charles Sargent, Knight, on the Twenty-third day of December last, a CALL of FIFTY RUPEES per Share HAS BEEN MADE on the CONTRIBUTORIES of the abovenamed Corporation, appearing on the second part of the list, PAYABLE on or before the 15th day of DECEMBER instant. All Contributories on the said second part are therefore requested to pay the amount of Call due from them; further proceedings will otherwise after the 15th instant be taken against them.—Dated this 6th day of December 1871.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

MANY buyers for Mofussil Press shares at Rs. 555 for cash and Rs. 560 for delivery; other shares flat. Government Paper weak.

CALCUTTA.—2ND DECEMBER.

The following transactions were reported:—

In Government Securities:—

4 per cents., at Rs. 98-12 to 98-14, or 1-4 to 1-2 discount.

4½ per cents. of 1872 at Rs. 102.

In shares:—

Rs.: Indian Railway Stock, at Rs. 252 per £20.

Howrah Docking Co.'s shares, at Rs. 150, exclusive of the dividend.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL REVENUE,

From Monday, 27th Nov., to Saturday, 2nd Dec. 1871.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Wheel Tax	2,302	8	0
House Rate	3,574	12	1
Police Rate	1,544	13	1
Lighting Rate	1,544	13	1
Water Rate	9,273	0	1
Halalcorydesse	1,446	14	4
Market Fees	2,242	14	6
Fees thro' Police Commissioner, including Liquor Licences, &c.	73	0	0
Miscellaneous Fees	384	4	11
Fines and Penalties	130	8	0
Town Duties	12,266	0	4
Duty on Tobacco and Snuff	2,100	0	0
Total Rs.....	36,834	8	5

W. MAIDMENT,
Controller of Municipal Accounts.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—6TH DECEMBER, 9 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 6th December, 11-17 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 5 hours 3 minutes.

Via Turkey, 5th December, 12-24 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 37 hours 26 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 6th December, 12-50 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 18 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Russia, 6th December, 11-26 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hours 44 minutes.

Via Turkey, 5th December, 3-45 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 32 hours 54 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 5th December, 6-12 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 14 hours 50 minutes.

Latest dates from America.

Via Red Sea, without date and time.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 9 P.M. of the 5th to 9 P.M. of the 6th December is as follows:—

To Bombay.	Max.	Min
From Calcutta	3 42	0 17
,, Kurrachee	0 25	0 7
,, Madras	0 33	0 6

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 6th Dec., 9 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Russia, 6th Dec., 12-55 P.M.; via Turkey, 5th Dec., 12-24 P.M. From Continent of Europe, via Russia, 6th Dec., 12-22 P.M.; via Turkey, 5th Dec., 3-45 P.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Fera; Persian line right to London.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
6	Indus (s)	Greaves	Calcutta, Nov. 21.
	Fusi Yama (s)	Collaghan	Jeddah, Nov. 12.
	Widal	Roncau	Cardiff, July 27.
	Leaping Water	Kerr	Moulmein, Oct. 18.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
6	New Era	Rabson	Calcutta.
	Tirrell	Morgan	Rangoon.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Emeu, Angove, to China, &c.

Ship W. G. Russell, Owen, to Chittagong.

The steamer India, to Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, began to load yesterday.

HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.			
2	Singapore (s)	Mitchell	London, Oct. 11.
	Poonah	Rickaby	Liverpool, Aug. 3.
	Arundel Castle	Steel	London, Aug. 20.
	Marpesia	Hounsell	Melbourne, Oct. 4.
3	Madras (s)	Starratt	Moulmein, Nov. 26.
	Atalanta	Bellingall	—, Aug. 12.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.			
2	St. Leonards	.....	.....
3	Ellen Stuart	.....	.....

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.			
2	Khedive (s)	Steward	Gal'e.
3	Meinam (P S)	.....	Calcutta.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.			
2	Excelsior (s)	.....	London.
	Himalaya (s)	.....	Rangoon.
3	Khedive (s)	.....	Calcutta.
	Meinam (P S)	.....	S. Ports.

DAILY IMPORTS.—6TH DECEMBER.

FROM LONDON.

Alabama, s, 60 cases portwine, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Inverness, 105 bales grey shirtings, Leggatt & Co.; 22 casks empty soda water bottles, Eduljee Palonjee; 169 cases beer, Dinshaw Sorabjee.

Saladin, 19 kegs iron rivets and 5 casks safety fuse, Abdool Cader Hybuthoy; 2 cases glassware, Charles Carter.

FROM GENOA.

Egitto, s, 9 cases wine and 1 cask brandy, G. W. Wheatley & Co

FROM SUEZ.

Ispahan, s, 3 cases hardware, Pestonjee Cursetjee Cama.

6TH DECEMBER.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Saladin, 11 casks lead pipe, and 2 casks hardware, N. Chandabhoy.

FROM LONDON.

Saladin, 12 packages hardware, E. Tyebally; 7 packages hardware, E. A. Cadur.

British Monarch, 5 casks paint of sorts, T. Habibhoy.

Inverness, 1 case medicine, 4 cases oilmanstores, and 4 cases bacon, C. Dadabhoy.

FROM GENOA.

Egitto, s, 225 cases claret, M. Cooverjee and Co.

FROM SUEZ.

Deccan, s, 14 cases tobacco, Jacob Sawoo and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—5TH DECEMBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Victoria Cross, 32 bales cotton, Nursee Vithuldass; 60 bales cotton, Dewjeebhoy Goolam Hoosun & Co.; 112 bales cotton, W. Nicol & Co.

British Princess, 100 bales cotton, Narronjee Mooljee; 350 bales cotton, Khimjee Bhowanjee; 100 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee, Touche & Co.; 98 bales cotton, Dayabhoy Cullianjee; 200 bags linseed, S. S. Narielwalla; 18 bales rags, Hurry Khimjee; 28 bales cotton, S. E. Sassoon.

Eastern Light, 35 bales rags, Ebjee Visram; 250 bales cotton, Mothooradass Soorjee, 135 bales cotton, Harjeevan Madhowjee.

Prince Regent, 41 bales cotton, Govindjee Khairaz; 31 bales cotton, Muckund Juvare; 42 bales cotton Tarrachund Bhamjee; 3,000 bundles coir yarn, Verjee Jairam.

The Foundling, 60 bales wool, Bhimjee Canjee.

Delhi, s, 40 bales wool, Lilladhur Govindjee; 50 bales wool, J. D Vuria; 50 bales cotton, W. Nicol & Co.; 3 bales wool, Mooljee Thakorsey & Co.; 40 bales hides, Momodally Surajoodin & Co.

Columbian, s, 100 bales wool, Canjee Megjee.

FOR LONDON.

Columbian, s, 3 cases indigo, Vulkart Brothers; 30 bales hides, Khimjee Sarun; 4 cases cardamoms, H. Bomanjee, Touche & Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Delhi, s, 50 bales cotton, Goolam Hoosein Fazul & Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Columbian, s, 100 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee, Touche & Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Delhi, s, 62 bales cotton, Doongersey Nurputt.

FOR HONGKONG.

Emeu, s, 15 packages fishmaws and 95 bundles sharkfins, Fazul Mahomed Dama; 13 packages senna leaves, Cowasjee Nuserwanjee; 5 tales cotton, Currimbhoy Ebram; 130 bales cott m, Ahmedbhoy Habibhoy; 25 chests M. opium, Eduljee Framjee & Co.; 5 chests M. opium, Merwanjee Manekjee & Co.; 14 chests M. opium, Nuthuram Joravermull; 137 chests M. opium, David Sassoon & Co.; 5 chests M. opium Tharabhoy Topun, 2 chests M. opium, Jairaz Peerbhoy; 64 chests M. opium, Roognath Jugonath; 10 chests M. opium, Surreeram Dowluteam; 13 chests M. opium, Chuneeram Jumraz; 15 ch sts M. opium, Sorabjee Nusserwanjee; 5 chests M. opium, E. D. Sassoon; 33 chests M. opium, E. D. Sassoon; 8 chests M. opium, Hajee Esmael Hajee Habib; 10 chests M. opium, Futtabhoy Amecjee; 10 chests M. opium S. and D. B. Futtakia.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Emeu, s, 21 chests M. opium, Soorajram Bhaya.

6TH DECEMBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Victoria Cross, 53 bales cotton, D. Bhazraz and Co.; 50 bales cotton, D. Gopejee.

British Princess, 1,200 bundles coir yarn, H. Mitha; 8 bales cotton, R. Yuseenjee; 47 bales cotton, H. Rahimtoola; 29 bales cotton, D. Heerjee; 72 bales cotton, D. Sanjee.

Eastern Light, 50 bales cotton, M. Heerjee; 100 bales cotton, M. Jamsetjee.

Prince Regent, 49 bales cotton, S. Premchund.

The Foundling, 100 bales cotton, M. Soojee; 103 cwts. of horns, H. M. Nathar.

Delhi, s, 62 bales wool, M. Thackersey; 200 bales cotton, Finlay, Muir and Co.; 23 bales hides and skins, S. O. A. T. N. Meera and Co.; 66 bales wool, M. Jetta; 58 bales wool, C. Nansee.

Columbian, s, 27 bales wool, M. Narronjee.

Sir Walter Scott, 500 bales cotton, W. Nicol and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Columbian, s, 4 cases cardamoms, M. Gangjee; 8 cases dates, B' L. S. N. Company; 38 cases M. of P. shells, and 2 cases gum, C. Nanjee; 13 cases indigo, S. Tyebjee; 25 bundles E. teeth, E. Shirpatjee.

Royal Sovereign, 20 tons old iron, Framjee Sands and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Columbian, s, 100 bales cotton, H. B. Touche and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Emeu, s, 20 bales white twist, R. Daya; 70 bales cotton, A. Habibhoy; 12 chests M. opium, R. Dhunjeeshaw; 25 chests M. opium, R. Eduljee; 685 pieces E. teeth, F. M. Dama; 43½ chests M. opium, C. Ebram; 1 case cardamoms, D. Ruttonjee and Co.; 10 chests M. opium, H. A. N. Mahomed; 113 chests M. opium, D. Sassoon and Co.; 13 chests M. opium, T. Gunshamdass; 13 chest M. opium, R. Jugnath; 20 chests M. opium, R. Khimjee and Co.; 7 packages water twist, M. Gooculdass.

Emeu, s, 7 chests M. opium, C. Ebram; 55 chests M. opium, R. Dhunjeeshaw; 61 chests M. opium, R. Eduljee.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 6.

Cornewall, Major, 17th Native Infantry, on duty, from Surat.

Eliot, Colonel, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Morar.

Mackenzie, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Campbellpoor.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 6.

Stannus, Captain, 20th Hussars, from leave, to Umballa.

Cornewall, Major, 17th N. I., on duty, to Poona.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

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BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

DE LIMA—December 6th, at De Lisle Road, Mrs. Joseph A. de Lima, of a daughter.

JOWETT—December 6th, at Mornington Villa, the wife of J. C. Jowett, of a daughter.

DEATH.

COTTIER—December 2nd, at Bandora, Adolphie John Lewis Cottier, aged 45.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ATKINSON—December 4th, at Allahabad, the wife of E. T. Atkinson, Esq., C.S., of a daughter.

BOND—November 30th, at Oraie, Jaloun, N. W. P., the wife of S. Patterson Bond, Civil Surgeon, of a daughter.

TAYLOR—December 2nd, at Calcutta, the wife of Mr. Richard Taylor, E. B. R. Service, of a daughter.

DEATH.

CHADWICK—December 2nd, at the General Hospital, Calcutta, James Thomas Chadwick, of the Bengal Pilot Service, aged 22 years 3 months and 7 days.

NOTICE.

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Bombay Gazette Office, Bombay.

The Bombay Gazette.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1871.

WE suggested, last week, that the dangerous illness of the Prince of Wales would probably have the effect of reviving the loyalty of the English people; and, fortunately for the interests of the Monarchy, the attempt of Sir Charles Dilke to win popularity by his silly speech about the perquisites of the Royal household has simultaneously helped to strengthen the reaction from the Republicanism which was fashionable in England a few months ago. Englishmen are not such unstable politicians as to suppose that a revolution, with all the miseries it would cause, would not be too high a price to pay for the privilege of cutting the pay of the Head of the State; and the Chancellor of the Exchequer has now answered the only serious charge Sir C. Dilke had urged against the Queen, that Her Majesty had broken her plighted word by not paying Income Tax on the amount of the Civil List set apart for her own use. Mr. Lowe now declares that the Queen does pay Income Tax, so that really Sir C. Dilke has nothing to object to but the existence of a few petty sinecures, which may easily be extinguished by simpler means than the completion of a radical change in the institutions of the State. It is not surprising to find that, in their disgust at such contemptible warfare, Englishmen have begun to ask themselves whether they have anything to gain by revolution, and that, to quote the words of a telegram we publish this morning, "Radical influence is now declining at home." The fact is, that for some time past there have been manifest signs of a falling away of the English people from the true Liberal faith. Mr. Gladstone's Greenwich speech showed conclusively that the Premier himself had taken alarm at the signs of the times; for, instead of promising new measures of reform, he fixed limits beyond which he declared he could not pass, and firmly refused to have anything to say to the specious projects of the sentimental economists of whom Mr. Fawcett is the leader. Evidently, Mr. Gladstone had listened to the warning voices which told him that he had gone quite far enough, and that, by playing into the hands of the discontented Radicals next session, he would alienate the bulk of his followers and provoke that reaction for which his rival, Mr. Disraeli, has been on the look-out for the last twenty years. But it is questionable if the Premier's repentance is not too late. Since Mr. Gladstone spoke at Greenwich, a Conservative—the well-known Liverpool ship-owner, Mr. Edward Bates—has been elected for Plymouth, to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of the Attorney-General, Sir Robert Collier, to the Bench; and Mr. Jessel, the new Solicitor-General, has had a hard fight to keep his seat at Dover. It may be said that the Liberal majority is strong enough to afford the loss of a few seats; but, when once a political party begins to lose ground, it is wonderful how quickly it becomes demoralized. Their recent successes at the elections must have convinced the Conservatives that public opinion has veered round to their side, and they will be full of confidence when the session begins. The Ministerialists, on the other hand, are disheartened and divided. The moderate men amongst them are dissatisfied with Mr. Gladstone for what he has done in the past; while the Radicals are annoyed that he will not accept their guidance in the future, and the most dangerous malcontent, Mr. Fawcett, is, besides, inspired by a feeling of personal hatred to Mr. Lowe (whom he would like to replace) which may be fairly described as ferocious. Certainly, the prospects of the Opposition are more promising now than they have been at any time since Sir Robert Peel broke up the great Conservative party which had raised him to power in 1841.

For one reason or another—probably the change is mainly due to the subduing influence of the new Commissioner—the proceedings of the Bench of Justices last Monday were marked by a spirit of decorum to which the Bench has long been a stranger. The speeches were, for the most part, brief and to the point; the Justices listened attentively to the speakers, and disposed quickly of all the business on the notice paper; and even the Chairman, that chartered libertine of debate, was only guilty of a few occasional improprieties. The Bench plainly felt that, in place of a Commissioner,

Of daring aims, irregularly great,
Resolved to rule or to rule the State,

it had got a painfully conscientious, hard-working, business-like officer, who may do a great deal of good to the town, but whose career is not likely to be nearly so amusing as that of his too fascinating predecessor. It is quite possible, however, that we may be mistaken in supposing Bombay is about to realize the state of happiness described in the proverb, "Happy is the nation whose annals are dull," for Mr. Hope let it be seen, in the discussion on the motion for the appointment of a Committee of Control, that he is a man who likes to have his own way in everything; and we doubt if he will find the Bench of Justices willing to submit to any dictator, no matter how anxious he may be to humour his subjects so long as they do not claim any rights of their own. It is a pity the Commissioner persevered in opposing the resolution in which he had detected an objectionable assertion of independence by the Bench; for we venture to say, with all respect for Mr. Hope's superior knowledge of the details of office business, that there is really no "technical" obstacle to the carrying out of the plan of having a Committee of Control. It is absurd to suppose that the Justices want to do the work of accountants and clerks in the Municipal Office. All they need do is to see a register every week showing the precise state of each grant in the budget, how much of it has been spent, and how much of it the Commissioner proposes to spend in the ensuing week, and, when satisfied with his proposals as being in accord with the resolutions and intentions of the Bench, to countersign such cheques as he may require. As Mr. Hope himself expects soon to have the accounts in such order that he will be able to institute a weekly audit, there can surely not be the slightest difficulty in having a weekly report placed before a Committee of the Bench.

We have dwelt on this point, because, as Mr. Hope says with some truth that it was the popular voice which called him to Bombay, it is necessary to remember that the popular voice also imposed this condition on his appointment, that the control of the finances should be transferred to the Bench. However, committee or no committee, we are sure that every one is anxious to strengthen the new Commissioner's hands, and that Bombay will get some good work from Mr. Hope during the next six months. Nothing could have been more workmanlike than the way in which the Commissioner laid his programme before the Bench on Monday; and it is to be hoped that to-day the Justices will be able to tell him definitely what their opinion is on the various questions submitted to them for decision. With regard to the Police, the Bench will do well to maintain the unassailable position that it had no funds to supply the deficit caused by the withdrawal of the State grant in the middle of the year, and that, as the Municipal Act provides that the rates and taxes fixed in the Budget for any year shall not be altered till the next year, it had no legal power to raise more money from the ratepayers; and, this being so, it follows that Government must pay the Police up to the end of this year. The Justices will not, we fancy, be frightened by threats, which Government dare not carry out, that the force will be disbanded unless it be paid by the Municipality. As to the other important question, of the lease, or as we should now say the leases, it may be desirable to have the question of their legality argued in a court of law, if they are very unprofitable to the Municipality; but we have always held that the best plan to pursue, so far as the new building on the Esplanade is concerned, would be to ascertain if it cannot be purchased at a fair price.

COLONEL W. W. ANDERSON, Political Agent in Kattywar, is now in Bombay for the purpose of meeting His Excellency the Governor, and finally disposing of the Grassia question.

MR. ALFRED EDGINTON, Deputy Commissioner of Police, has applied for fifteen months' leave of absence on medical certificate, and the application will, we believe, be submitted by Mr. Hope to the Bench of Justices at their meeting this afternoon. Mr. Vincent, City Police Inspector of Ahmednuggur, will, in all likelihood, succeed Mr. Edginton. It is upwards of twenty years since Mr. Edginton joined the Police, and for the last fifteen he has held the office of Deputy Commissioner. In this latter capacity he has earned the good opinion of his superiors and the public; and for his zealous and indefatigable exertions during the mutiny of 1857-58, and on various other emergent occasions, he has been publicly thanked by Government. During the last twenty years he has uninterruptedly worked hard, and he is now well entitled to a rest for the restoration of his health.

THE Calcutta Rowing Club has arranged to have a Regatta on the 1st of January.

THE Chief Commissioner of British Burmah was to leave Rangoon this week for Arracan.

THE Bishop of Calcutta arrived at Mirzapore on the morning of the 1st inst. He was to proceed from that place to Benares.

AMONG the passengers expected at Calcutta by the Khedive is Mr. George Dickson, Secretary of the Bank of Bengal.

THE EARL OF SELKIRK and Mr. Eustace Smith, M. P., have left Allahabad, the former for Lahore, the latter for Delhi and the Hills.

IT is rumoured that Colonel Hyde, R.E., Mint Master of Calcutta, now on leave in England, intends to apply for an extension of his leave.

A TELEGRAM was received yesterday through Bolton's Agency, that the Prince of Wales was much better, but "showed symptoms of decline," whatever that may mean.

THE prospects of the incoming coffee crop in Ceylon, we regret to say, are not very cheering. Reports from nearly all the districts speak of a short yield.

FOR the full report of the proceedings in the Calcutta Appellate Court in the case of Ameer Khan and others we are indebted to the *Englishman*. We publish the full report, because since the publication of Dr. Hunter's book much more interest attaches to such proceedings than before.

THE Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal is said to be suffering from fever, which he has brought from Darjeeling. Several other gentlemen, who visited the so-called sanatarium during the last vacation, also caught the same fever there. Among these are the Hon. Mr. Justice Phear and Mr Miller, the magistrate.

IT has recently been ruled that officers of the Indo-European Telegraph Department in Persia shall be required to pass an examination in the Persian language before some of the members of Her Majesty's Legation at Teheran. A reasonable remuneration is to be granted by the Government of India.

The new High Court building at Calcutta is being partitioned off by a wall extending from north to south in order to divide the Courts and offices of both jurisdictions. The western wing will be occupied by the appellate, and the eastern by the original, jurisdiction. The Judges, and the two Registrars, with their respective deputies, will have their chambers on the second floor, and the rest of the officers will occupy the first floor.

THE eclipse expedition has landed at Galle, and the Colonial steamer Serendib, with Captain Fyers and Mr. Foenander, photographer, has proceeded to that port to convey the expedition to the north of Ceylon. The spot from which the observations are to be taken has not been fixed upon as yet, but probably some place in the Jaffna peninsula, and a spot in or near Kokelay will be selected by the Ceylon observers, while a third party will proceed to the southern coast of India.

THE correspondence which passed before the order for Mr. J. B. Roberts' suspension, has been published, and occupies fourteen columns of the *Englishman*. We print His Honor's "Resolution" in another column. Two days ago we mentioned that a requisition had been sent to the Secretary of the Calcutta Bench of Justices calling for a special general meeting to consider a resolution proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts. We now notice that a special general meeting of the Justices will be held for that purpose on the 14th inst.

P. A. L.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DISORDERLY MEETINGS AT BOLTON AND DERBY.

THE TICHBORNE CASE.

LONDON, 5TH DECEMBER.

The East Lancashire Amalgamated Weavers' Association have initiated a movement to introduce the 54 hours' system by Act of Parliament.

Disorderly meetings have been held at Bolton and Derby at which Sir C. Dilke was present.

In Tichborne case Mr. Baigret (? Baigent) is still under examination.

LONDON, 5TH DEC., AFT.

The prices in Liverpool Cotton Market were advancing.

Fair Dhollera, 7 7/16d.

In the Manchester Market firmer prices check business.

7 lbs. Shirtings, 8s. 1½d.
8½ lbs. ,, 9s. 6d.
40's Mule Twist, 1s. 1½d.

[PER BOLTON'S AGENCY.]

WARWICK CASTLE.

HOME RULE IN IRELAND.

MR. LOWE ON SIR CHARLES DILKE.

ATTITUDE OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN FRANCE.

H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, 5TH DEC., 3 P.M.

Warwick Castle has been almost destroyed by fire. Twenty-three of the apartments were completely gutted.

The Home Rule party will inaugurate a Parliamentary campaign by a national banquet at Limerick on January 10th, over which Mr. Butt, M.P., will preside.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer in a speech at Halifax censured Sir Charles Dilke and disapproved the proceedings at Derby. He denied that the Queen paid no income-tax, and said that he would answer Sir Charles Dilke in Parliament.

Radical influence is declining.

The attitude of the political parties in the French Assembly favour the maintenance of peaceable relations.

LONDON, 6TH DEC., 11-30 A.M.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is very much better, but he shows symptoms of decline.

LONDON, 5TH DEC., 2-10 P.M.

Tone of the Liverpool Market advancing.

Total sales up to 2 P.M., 18,000 bales.

Export and Specie, 8,000 bales.

Surats, 7,000 bales.

Fair Dhollera, 7¾d.

Dharwar, 7¾d.

Broach, 7¼d.

Oomrawuttee, 7¼d.

Middling Uplands, 9 11/16d.

Orleans, 10d.

Manchester market strong.

Consols for account, 92½ to 92¼.

5½ per Cent Rupee Paper, 108½ to 109.

LONDON, 5TH DEC., 4 P.M.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed strong.

Total day's sales, 22,000 bales.

Export and Specie, 10,000 bales.

LONDON, 6TH DEC., 11-30 A.M.

The Liverpool Cotton Market advancing.

Opening sales 18,000 bales.

MILITARY ITEMS.

THE services of Lieutenant G. H. Turner, R.E., have been placed at the disposal of Government in the Public Works Department.

CAPTAIN R. P. BLAKE, General List, Madras Infantry, has been allowed furlough to Europe for two years, under the furlough regulations of 1868

A TELEGRAM has, we hear, been received by H. M.'s 23rd Regiment N. I., ordering the departure of the regiment from Poona in a week. —*Deccan Herald*, Dec. 6.

THE services of Lieutenant W. Ashfield, Staff Corps, have been placed at the disposal of the Government of India for employment as Adjutant, Malwa Bheel Corps.

LIEUTENANT H. H. MURPHY, R. E., Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade P. W. Department, has been granted furlough to Europe for two years, under the furlough regulations of 1868.

THE head-quarters and left half battalion 10th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, under the command of Colonel D. G. Pollard, left Dorundah on the 30th ultimo for Calcutta, via Raneegunge, *en route* for Tonghu.

LIEUTENANT G. M. MORGAN, R.E., Assistant Engineer, 4th Grade, Ravee Bridge Division, has been allowed furlough to Europe, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1868, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board in England.

THE sepoys of the 14th M. N. I., who arrived at Akyab by the Abyssinia, have been housed in the new barrack purposely built in the old cantonment. Another barrack is in course of erection in the district for their accommodation. The inhabitants, it seems, consider it a grand treat to have the sepoys stationed there, as they have long been deprived of adequate protection.

THE Adjutant-General of the Army has enquired of the Supreme Government if it is to be understood that his office is responsible for the notification to the Military Department of its wants in the matter of all books of regulations, and has suggested that the India Office booksellers might be instructed to send to him all such books, without special indents for them. The Government of India have, therefore, enquired of the Secretary of State, in a recent despatch, whether any special requisition from this country is necessary for books, such as the Mutiny Act, and other publications, which should be in the hands of the commanding officers.

WHILE fully recognizing the justice of the general principles which are declared to govern the approaching re-distribution of the European army in this presidency, the *Pioneer* cannot concur in all its details. "For instance," says our contemporary, "if Hazaribagh is to be abandoned in consequence of a single sickly season, why retain Dalhousie? The fact is that there is something morbid in this restless chase of health. The salubrity of a station can only be judged on large and general considerations and with reference to a cycle of years; and as a general rule it may be taken for granted that the climate which is the most pleasant will also be the most healthy for Europeans. Now Hazaribagh enjoys almost as agreeable a climate as Poona or Bangalore."

THE names of two officers have been added to the list of officers to be sent from the Madras Presidency to the Camp of Exercise at Delhi since we published it a week ago, viz., those of Major Wilkinson, 16th Lancers, and Captain Kerrich, Royal Artillery. The complete list as given in General Orders is:—Colonel W. Boyle, C.B., 89th Foot; Lieutenant-Colnel E. Boyle, 89th Foot; Lieutenant-Colonel E. Stuart Travers, Staff Corps; Major Douglas Scott, Staff Corps—(his services having been placed temporarily at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief); Major H. C. Wilkinson, 16th Lancers; Captain W. D'O. Kerrich, Royal Artillery; Captain R. C. Stewart, Cavalry, Assistant Adjutant-General Mysore Division; and Lieutenant A. F. Hamilton, Royal Engineers, Acting Adjutant Sappers and Miners.

INDO-BRITISH CONCERTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—With reference to my performance of two piano solos at the last concert, I acknowledge that your remarks in last Tuesday's issue are perfectly just; but allow me to notice here that I was provided with an instrument wretchedly out of order, not being privileged to play on one better, the reasons for this being quite incomprehensible to me. Being so disappointed at the last hour, I should have withdrawn altogether, but, being at all times desirous of rendering my feeble services to such an object, I determined to do the best I could; and owing to the uselessness of the instrument I was even obliged to curtail the pieces. Under these circumstances I think the able Manager of the room ought to have clearly made this known to me in time, as I concluded by his being glad to accept my services he would not have omitted to see justice done to me before the audience.—I remain, yours obediently,

P. A. L.

AN OMNIBUS FOR COLABA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Might I suggest, through your widely-spread journal, to those interested in the business, the advisability of starting an omnibus regularly every morning at, say, half-past nine o'clock from Middle Colaba to the Fort, stopping at Grant's Buildings on its trips to and fro.

I believe a great many gentlemen living in that locality would gladly avail themselves of such a facility, in preference to riding in our elegant hack-buggies.

There would also be a certainty of getting a good many passengers whose business it is to go daily to the Cotton Green. The want of buggies has often been felt when they were most needed.—Yours, &c.,

H. L.

6th December.

PARIS LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

PARIS, 7TH NOVEMBER.

"WELL, Sir, shall we take a walk down Fleet-street," said Dr. Johnson one day to Boswell after they had been looking over together some proof-sheets of the famous dictionary. The characteristic features of this quaint old London thoroughfare in its intense and restless activity are as deserving of notice in these days as they were in the Doctor's, but, if I have recalled his genial proposition, it is because I myself have an equally interesting though different suggestion to make. If Dr. Johnson had been a Parisian resident, it is probable, nay, most probable, that he would have exclaimed, as I do now, "Well, Sir, shall we take a walk down the Boulevards?" Fleet-street and the Boulevards! How the one sets off the other! The one noisy and narrow, but the world's high road for commerce and trade—the other luxurious and indolent, but the universal resort of beauty and fashion. To a stranger both places afford a panorama of manners and customs which he would look for in vain anywhere else. In these perpetual exhibitions of national life and individual character there are innumerable specimens of everybody and everything each more wonderful than the other. "The child of larger growth" can derive as much amusement from these many coloured fits of humanity as he did in his more youthful days from the wondrous combinations of the kaleidoscope.

The true Parisian or *Parisienne*—for the two are inseparable—looks on the Boulevards as his special property, as the place of all others where he asserts his originality and independence. It is there, and there only, that he treats with supreme indifference the presence of superiors or strangers, debtors or creditors, aristocrats or democrats. He is there to amuse himself in his own way, and takes it for granted that everybody he meets is there for the same purpose. He interferes with nobody, and expects that nobody will interfere with him. When Benedetti offended the King of Prussia by presuming to address him 'on business' when he met him in the 'promenade' of Ems, he could not have committed a greater blunder had he presumed to 'interview' a Government official taking a 'constitutional' on the Boulevards. If to say to Government official, it is for the sake of the comparison. On the Paris 'promenade' there is no distinction between the grandee and the 'gamin;' both would consider that the diplomatist had shewn himself deficient in *savoir-vivre*. You may be of Chinese origin, and have a fancy for wearing your ancestor's State dress; if so, there is nothing to prevent your indulging in the luxury; you may be admired, but you will certainly not be mobbed. I have seen gentlemen, Greeks, I believe, walking on the Boulevards, in broad daylight, whose only visible garment was a close-fitting white robe of a material and length which reminded one of the dress worn by Europeans at nights. They created a little sensation, remarks were made about the coolness and economy of such clothing, the nationality of the wearers became a subject of speculation, but that was all. No Parisian ever thought of running or even accelerating his walk in order to have a longer or better look at the *étrangers*. A painting at Giroux's, a photograph at Martinet's, a vase at Barbedienne's, a new book at Levy's, are the kind of things that attract the habitué. He will stand for a quarter of an hour before a shop window to look at Gonache's shells and gabions stuffed with *bonbons*, or Tahan's ingenious transformation of a 24-pounder projectile into a portable lamp. Shells in this shape are very popular just now. They are souvenirs of a fact which flatters the inhabitant's *amour propre*; they remind him and all about him that Paris has been lately twice besieged. "Were you here during the siege?" is a question he can ask as he offers you a bonbon or winds up his lamp. If you do not happen to have had a like advantage, he will tell you how we suffered hunger and cold in the latter days of the first siege, and how we were delivered over to fire and sword at the end of the second. Have you ever had shrapnel boxes bursting over your head as you look out of the window in the morning? Do you know what it is to have to lie flat on your face as you are crossing the street, and stay there till it pleases that iron sugar-loaf which has flopped down by your side to burst into a thousand deadly splinters? Have you ever heard little pieces of lead whisper "piou" into your ear as you rushed across to the baker's to fetch the piece of bread he would not risk his life to bring you? No; you have known none of these things. Then you can have no conception, &c. &c. If we walk out together on the Boulevards of a fine sunny afternoon, and you are not pressed for time, or rather have left your watch at home as superfluous luggage, we can keep on our feet till we are tired, dine when we are hungry, and come home when we are sleepy. Should you, however, chance to be in a hurry, it will be far wiser to put off our excursion for another time and go to the Louvre, where, if you are of an active disposition, you can 'do' the pictures and statuary in a few minutes. You know your guide book of course by heart, so that you can leave it at home with the rest, for here every man should be his own guide, and he should look at what he chooses if he wants to enjoy what he sees. Let us do as they do at Paris, roam about from shop to shop, kiosque to kiosque, café to café, theatre to theatre—in a word, let us *flâner*—(the word cannot be translated, as the custom it expresses does not exist out of Paris.) It was in roaming about that Balzac discovered so many characters, and collected so many humorous sallies. It was in roaming about on the ocean that Columbus discovered the New World. There are always new worlds to be discovered in Paris. Here we are on the *Pavé*, as they delight to call the smooth sheet of asph

A CURIOUS CASE OF CRIMINAL MISAPPROPRIATION.

At the Fort Police Court on Monday, a Hindoo merchant, named Sooma Tejsing, appeared before Mr. Nana Morojee and laid an information against Dadabhoy Rustomjee, Dinshaw Ardasheer Davur, and Nemchund Nanchund, charging the first two with criminal misappropriation and cheating in respect of certain shipping documents, and the third with aiding and abetting the same.

Sooma Tejsing said—I am a partner in the firm of Runchordas Tooleydas. About ten days ago my firm shipped fifty-four bales of Compta cotton on board the ship Eastern Belle, and insured the same for Rs. 6,480. On Wednesday last one Nemchund Nanchund, a broker, came to me and my partner Runsordas Tooleydas, and offered to introduce us to a new firm named Cowasjee Jehangeerjee and Co., through whom we could consign our cotton to England, and that he could obtain for us from the firm an advance of £7 per bale. The day following he took me and my partner to an office in Meadow Street, where we saw two Parsees named respectively Dadabhoy Rustomjee and Dinshaw Ardasheer; and two Europeans, the one named Mr. Thomson, but I do not know the name of the second, though I know him by sight. Nemchund introduced us to these four as the partners in the firm of Cowasjee Jehangeer and Co. Dadabhoy Rustomjee told us to bring in shipping documents, and I and my partner then went away and returned with the documents, namely, bill of lading and policy of insurance. I was then asked by Dadabhoy in Thomson's presence to sign a bill of exchange, in triplicate, for £350, which I accordingly did, and endorsed the shipping documents and left all with them. Dadabhoy said, "Come to-morrow and we will pay you Rs. 1,500, and the balance on Saturday." On Friday we were told by Dadabhoy and Nemchund that the slip for the money had not been received from the Bank, and we were told to come on Saturday. We again went and saw Dadabhoy, Nemchund, and the said two Europeans. We were again put off and told to call at 10 o'clock to-day. We again went this morning and found the two Europeans and a Purbhoo. Mr. Thomson said, "Come at 2 o'clock, when Dadabhoy will be here and will pay your money." We went again at 2 o'clock, when Mr Thomson said, "I know nothing about the matter, go to Dadabhoy." I went again and enquired of the Purbhoo who were the partners in Cowasjee Jehangeer and Co. He said he did not know, and that he had been in the service three days. I had been to the said office again this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was unable to find the said Dadabhoy Rustomjee there or any person to give information as to where he is to be found. The said Mr. Thomson and another European who was there, whose name I do not know, stated on this occasion that they had nothing to do with the firm of Cowasjee Jehangeer and Co., and I further say, from information I have received, that I believe the said Dadabhoy Rustomjee has misappropriated the said documents, and I charge the said Dadabhoy Rustomjee and Dinshaw Ardasheer Davur with criminal misappropriation of the said documents and cheating, and the said Nemchund Nanchund with abetting the same, and pray that a warrants may be issued for their apprehension, and that they may be dealt with according to law.

The magistrate granted the warrants as prayed for.

[We are requested to state that the Mr. Thomson, spoken of in this information, is not Mr. Alexander Thomson, Exchange-broker, Tamarind Lane, who knows nothing whatever about any of the parties concerned in the case.]

THE INSOLVENCY COURT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gibbs presided at a sitting of the Court yesterday.

RE BHIMSEY MANOCK.

Mr. Lang, on behalf of Messrs. Schuster, Sons and Co., opposing creditors, moved that the hearing be postponed until the 20th instant.

Mr. Budroodin Tyabjee, on behalf of the insolvent, consented to the application.

The Commissioner ordered the case to be postponed as applied for.

The insolvent's liabilities amount to Rs. 50,222.

RE JEWABHOY ABDOOL ALLY.

Mr. Lang moved that the hearing of the petition be adjourned for a month. The application was not objected to, and was granted. The insolvent's liabilities amount to Rs. 1,99,766.

RE LALLJEE VUSSONJEE.

The Commissioner said he was to have given his decision in this case yesterday (Wednesday), but on looking over his notes, he found it was necessary to refer to the insolvent's account books, which his Lordship had not yet found time to do. The decision would, therefore, be given next Court day. The main facts of the case were published in the *Bombay Gazette* of the 30th ultimo.

RE MIRZA ALI MIRZA MAHOMED.

The insolvent applied for a month's time with the view to settle with his creditors. His liabilities amount to Rs. 2,53,082—the good assets to Rs. 2,845, and the bad assets to Rs. 9,564.

Mr. Lang, on behalf of an opposing creditor, consented to the case being postponed until the first Court day in January next.

The Commissioner granted the application.

RE ABDOOL SUTTER HAJEE MAHOMED.

Mr. Farran moved, on behalf of an opposing creditor, that a rule *nisi* granted for the adjudication of insolvency in this case should be made absolute. The application was granted.

RE JOHN COLLETT.

The liabilities in this case amounted to Rs. 41,309, the good assets to Rs. 499, and the bad assets to Rs. 15,599. The insolvent's discharge had been adjourned on certain grounds, and the period having expired, he now came up and was granted a discharge.

RE PURSHOTUM MEGHJEE.

Mr. Taylor moved for a rule absolute to withdraw the petition. There was no opposition, and the application was granted.

RE NOWROJEE DHUNJEEBHOY COOKLAWALLA.

Mr. Farran (who held Mr. Marriott's brief,) on behalf of an opposing creditor, said the insolvent came up for his final discharge. The case had been for several years before the Court, and Mr. Marriott was at present the only counsel who was fully acquainted with its merits. As he was, however, unavoidably taken to the Appellate Side of the High Court, he asked that the matter be postponed until next week or the week after next.

The insolvent was called forward.

The Commissioner told him he was opposed by Hormusjee Shapoorjee, Dhunjeebhoy Jeewajee Desai, and another; and an application was made to the Court to adjourn the hearing until the next Court day.

Insolvent—It was at the suit of these very creditors that I have been two years in jail. I now come for my discharge, and I don't know what they oppose me for.

Commissioner—That will be considered at the hearing. Have you any objection to an adjournment?

Insolvent—I leave it to your Lordship.

Commissioner—There is a great deal of business before the Court to-day, so that the case might be adjourned until next Court day.

RE A MARWAREE SHYLOCK.

Re Goverdhundas Mooljee.

The insolvent applied for an interim order. A Marwaree creditor appeared in person to oppose the application.

Marwaree—Why should the man apply for an order of the Court? There is no occasion for him to do so.

Commissioner—He wants to get the benefit of the Insolvent Act to release him from his liabilities.

Marwaree—But he is in no difficulties. I am the only unfortunate creditor. (A laugh.)

Commissioner—He is a fireman on the G. I. P. Railway, and wants to attend to his work, and therefore asks for a protection order.

Marwaree—As I said, I am his only creditor, and I have no objection to his attending to his work if he agrees to pay me by instalments. I will allow him to attend to his work. (A laugh.)

Commissioner—Well, tell the Marwaree, the insolvent has greater confidence in an order of the Court than he has in the verbal bond of his opposing creditor. (Laughter.) He is entitled to a protection order, and it is granted.

PETITIONS DISMISSED.

Mr. Sudanund Shricrishna applied that the petition of Kanoba Ramchunder should be dismissed on the ground that he did not proceed with it. The petition was accordingly dismissed.

A Marwaree applied that the petition of Jewanjee Jamsetjee should be dismissed on a similar ground. The application was granted, and the interim order granted to insolvent was cancelled.

Mr. Lang moved, on behalf of an opposing creditor of Mahomed Hajee Tar Mahomed, that the petition should be dismissed on the grounds mentioned in a certificate from the Clerk of the Court, which the learned counsel produced. The petition was filed on the 28th August 1871, and the schedule was filed three days afterwards. On the 6th November last, insolvent applied for and was allowed a month's time to serve notice upon his creditors, and the hearing was fixed for the first Court day in December. But since the 6th November, insolvent had taken no proceedings whatever, and hence the application. The Commissioner ordered the petition to be dismissed.

The petitions of Canjee Treecum, a cloth dealer, Hursey Vera, a grain dealer, and Motichund Sunker, a merchant, who did not proceed with them, were also dismissed.

RE TRECUMJEE VELLJEE AND ANOTHER.

An application for an adjournment, made by Mr. Goodin Tyabjee on a former occasion, had been referred to the Official Assignee for report. Mr. Budgoodin yesterday repeated his application and asked for six months' time in order to enable insolvent to compromise with his creditors.

Mr. Taylor, on behalf of a creditor, opposed the application and submitted that the petition should be dismissed. Notwithstanding all the adjournments in the case, the insolvents had done nothing. It had been agreed that, if the petition was not proceeded with on the first Court day in December, it should be dismissed; and Mr. Taylor asked that this should be done.

Mr. Budroodin replied that his learned friend was wrong in stating that the insolvents had done nothing. They had compromised since the last hearing with seven of their creditors, and they expected to be able to compromise with the rest. There had been many difficulties in their way as some of the creditors resided in England, but still they were doing their best.

Mr. Taylor said, if the Court was inclined to grant further time, he would certainly ask for costs.

The Commissioner, reviewing the circumstances of the case, was of opinion that the insolvents had been trying to compromise with their creditors. The liabilities were Rs. 1,20,000. Of that sum Rs. 33,000 had been compromised. The remaining Rs. 70,000 were to be reduced to about Rs. 40,000 on the arrival of assets which insolvents expected to realise in England. If an insolvent could arrange with his creditors without the interference of the Court, he should certainly be allowed to do so. His Lordship did not think the petition ought to be dismissed; but still, he would not grant an adjournment for six months. He granted insolvents two months' time, at the end of which the case, if not compromised, should go on in the usual way. With regard to the question of costs, his Lordship thought this was not a case in which he should grant any.

RE MOOLJEE RAMJEE.

The liabilities of this insolvent amounted to Rs. 2,58,599, and the bad assets to Rs. 2,07,418. Mr. Farran, instructed by Messrs. Keir, Prescot, and Winter, appeared for an opposing creditor, Ambaishunker Devie. Mr. Branson, instructed by Mr. Munsookhai Moogutlal Munshi, appeared for the insolvent.

Mr. Farran stated the case for the opposing creditor, to whom no less a sum than Rs. 31,795 was due, but being a man from Madras, the opposing creditor had not obtained access to all the sources of information which were available to a resident of Bombay. The grounds of opposition were as follow:—1. That the insolvent had fraudulently, and with the intent to conceal the state of his affairs and to defeat the objects of the Indian Insolvent Act, purposely withheld the production of certain books and papers relating to such of his affairs as are subject to investigation under the Act. 2. That he had fraudulently made false entries in, and withheld other entries from certain of his books relating to such of his affairs as are subject to investigation under the Act. 3. That he had fraudulently, and with the intent to diminish the sum to be divided among his creditors, concealed certain portions of his property by opening separate accounts in his books in the names of his sons, and placing large sums of money to the credit of such accounts. 4. That he had fraudulently, with further intent to diminish the sum to be divided among his creditors, concealed certain portions of his property. 5. That he had fraudulently given undue preference to certain of his creditors. 6. That he had wilfully abstained from filing his petition in insolvency until six months after he suspended payment, whereby certain sums of money and other property, voluntarily made over by the insolvent to certain of his creditors, became by lapse of time irrecoverable under section 24 of the Insolvent Act. The learned counsel entered into particulars of each of these grounds of opposition, and called witnesses in support of them. The case was not finished when the Court rose, and will be continued next Wednesday.

DISCHARGES.

In the course of the day, the following, among other, insolvents were granted their discharges:—Govindram Lukhmidas and Nanabhoy Luckmidas, merchants, liabilities Rs. 61,500, and bad assets Rs. 22,300. Robert Camming, a sea-faring man, liabilities Rs. 1,369. Aaron Abraham, a writer, liabilities Rs. 20,000. Tejpall Soonderjee, a broker, liabilities Rs. 1,380. Edwin Blackburn, a preventive officer, liabilities Rs. 2,000. Mulloo Nowjee and others, milk-sellers, liabilities Rs. 5,000. Choonilal Jumnadas, writer, liabilities Rs. 7,761.

DAVE CARSON.

Last night the versatile Dave appeared in Morley Hall, Colaba, and seeing that in the mouths of the residents in the third quarter of the island his name and fame are as familiar as household words, we need scarcely add that he was met by a numerous audience. He performed in his best style,

"Making those laugh who never laughed before,
And those who laughed before now laugh the more,"

though we should imagine that to find one who had not laughed with Dave before would entail a search as harassing as Japhet's for a father. As a nigger he was perfectly side-splitting. He assumes this part so admirably that we might pardon the mistake of any person who may say that Mr. Carson is a nigger by birth, but ordinarily paints himself white just to have the benefit of European society. As a temperance lecturer, his performances were as comical as those of the Society before which he assumed the character—to wit, the Bombay Branch of the East India Association. As a delineator of Police Court scenes, commend us to Carson Sahib. Is it the magistrate—not, let us hasten to explain, the present respected Chief—that you want to see? There he is, reproduced in Dave, and you hear the magisterial tones, "You're fined five rupees, Sir! Take him away!" commencing somewhere about the region of the boots, rumbling up the mysterious cavern of the inner man, and bursting out at the mouth, in short apoplectic, but powerful spurts, just as if the original were standing before you. Is it a Mussulman who has taken more than the Koran allows him, and consequently, for his impiety, finds himself in the clutches of the law, that you wish to hear apologising to the world, through the magistrate, for his relapse from the path of duty? There you have him in Dave Carson. You hear his curious abandonment of his native tongue and the awful perversion of it on the classic ground of the English language, producing an intensely comical effect. But, above all, do you wish to see that marvellous compound of conceit, English jargon, floundering philosophy, and curry and rice, the Bengalee Baboo? There are good men among the Baboos, but take this particular type of a monstrous class which Dave presents to you. Could anything in character-drawing be more exquisite? You hear the Baboo—a very good Bengalee Baboo, a first class B.A., *but* he calls himself—telling of his desire to flatter the English by imitating their ways, particularly when meeting them the social bowl goes round. He wants to learn an English song. "Ishweet Ishspirit, heer ma prayer," is the object of his ambition. The musical lesson is, in its way, we think, as inimitable as Sothern's attempt in "Dundreary" to count his fingers and define certain exact family relationships thereby. The Baboo gets tired of the fundamental preparations of the English school of music, and he sings his own song, consisting of a pleasing native air, scraps of nonsensical English phrases which the Baboo believes to be *poshe*, and some very humorous pieces of Bengalee humour, as for instance, as the Hindoo lady in her festive moments. No wonder you laugh at the Baboo. You know, from what has occurred in your own experience, that certain points in the impersonation are hit off *au merveille*, and you wonder at the felicitous knack which brings you face to face with that ludicrous blind groping among the intricacies of the English grammar which distinguishes the conversation of many people you meet with in everyday life. Were it for nothing else than to see his "Baboo," Dave Carson would be worth a visit. But he has other strings to his bow. Madame Carson is a sweet singer, Mons. Semeladis is a capital violinist, and these, with a tasteful tenor and good pianist, make abundant variety in the evening's entertainment. Dave will perform to-night at the Grant Road Theatre, and we opine that they who go to see him will do well.

AMATEUR CONCERT.

On Tuesday evening a very pleasant little concert was given in the Scottish Freemasons' Hall, Cumballa Hill Road, by lady and gentlemen members of our amateur local talent. On entering the compound the eye was at once arrested by a pleasing arrangement of lights. The fountain in front of the bungalow was surrounded with little lamps, whose rays sparkled prettily on the falling waters; the pillars of the portico had lamps festooned around them, bringing out the whole of the details of the front of the building with admirable distinctness; coloured lamps peeped out here and there in the surrounding foliage, and over the gateway a flaming device was "an eyesore of modern eyes." Once inside the hall signs of the taste and care of the committee were still apparent. We shall say nothing of the attractions set forth in the lower floor by Mr. Hammond and his staff—these have a silent eloquence which must be known to everybody and need no panegyric; so we shall pass on to the second floor. On the landing a statue was pedestaled, and what at home we would call exotics were disposed at short intervals; in the hall itself, the front of the platform was decorated with more of our Oriental vegetation, and the walls were decorated with portraits of Right Worshipfuls and other elegant symbols of the Masonic craft. A very good audience filled in the picture completely.

The concert opened with the "Tancredi" overture. This is a composition which requires the most complete facility of execution. In this as well as attention to the leader we thought the orchestra was defective, and at times it appeared to us that it would have been the better of a violoncello and a tenor violin. "Farewell to the Forest" introduced the chorus. The ladies were well represented in voice and number; the basses were just sufficient; but the tenors were unmistakeably wanting. A violin solo by Herr Schmuck followed. He was, according to the programme, to have played a fantasia on "Le Carnaval de Venise," but he did not. The piece which he substituted was executed so cleverly that a unanimous recall was the result. A difficult fantasia on "Yankee Doodle" was equally well performed and received, though now and then we thought the pianist was a little out. It is only fair to this gentleman to say that the whole of his accompaniments were on the whole tastefully and correctly played throughout the evening. The trio, "O Memory," were it not for the ladies, we would fain forget. However, the soprano and contralto were all that could be wished, and all three succeeded in keeping the difficult time. The solo, "David singing before Saul," was a duet, and the gentleman who gave it, while showing that he had a voice of good calibre, especially in the medium notes, also proved that he had not a soul above paying attention to the sentiment. We regretted much that the canvas roof of the hall had such an evident effect in deadening the voice of the singer, because it placed both him and his audience to a disadvantage, to a certain extent—the one being unable to show under the most favourable circumstances the light that was in him, and the audience being deprived of the enhancement of pleasure that would have been theirs had the hall done as much justice to the vocalist as he did to his song. He was deservedly *encored*, on which he tripped off, "O tell me how to woo thee" in capital style. "The Wedding Chorus," from the Grand Duchess, went, we thought, very tamely, considering the nature of the theme. We must confess that the impression we experienced from the efforts of the choristers on this occasion—ladies as well as gentlemen, we are bound to admit—was that matrimony was rather a sad affair than otherwise; of the tenors especially, if they are bachelors, we would say that if they cannot show more enthusiasm when their cry is "blissful Cecilia" comes, they deserved to be left out in celibatic cold all the days of their life. Thus terminated the first part of the programme.

The second part opened with the exquisite overture from "Fra Diavolo." We liked the orchestra very much in this. At times, we were constrained to feel what we felt all through, that the performers would have been much the better of careful practice together, because an overture such as this of Auber's is not exactly the place where one instrument can show its total independence of all its brother instruments; but in the more martial passages they were very successful, keeping a good steady swing. The soprano solo, "My Mother bids me bind my Hair," one of the most charming efforts in Haydn's repertoire, was tastefully and feelingly sung. The lady who gave it was suffering, we regret to hear, from a cold, but, notwithstanding this misfortune she did her share of the programme most creditably. Her lower notes were particularly sweet. Rossini's "Il Carnivallo," which followed, was one of the best performances of the evening. The voices seemed better balanced, time was better kept, and more telling *verve* was displayed throughout it than there had been during the evening. The music has a sprightliness about it that could scarcely fail to carry a singer with it, but nevertheless, on Tuesday night the choristers may flatter themselves that the *encore* which at once followed the last note of the "Carnivallo" was not due altogether to appreciation of the music. A flute solo by a gentleman well known in Bombay was next kindly given, the subject chosen being Clinton's "Napolitaine." The "mellifluous breathings soft and low" were much admired, and the conclusion of the really dexterous performance was greeted with an amount of applause which the performer could easily have construed into an *encore*, but as the hour was getting late he declined it, and great was the regret of the audience accordingly. He was skilfully accompanied on the pianoforte. The second part of the programme, and the concert, was brought to a close with the popular chorus, "The Men of Haarlech." The music went all right, but there was a woeful lack of the fire that was necessary to represent the stirring sentiments that occur in the course of the song. As it was, the audience were very nearly having it over again. We may add that some slight disappointment was felt by the audience that the national anthem did not close the proceedings as is usual, and as was intimated in some of the programmes.

The talented gentleman who presided at the piano during the evening is already well known in Bombay, and to him unqualified praise is due for the able manner in which he performed his duties as accompanist.

The talent that was observable throughout the performances suggested to us that, in the decay of one band of musical devotees whose performances the public of Bombay used to be familiar with, the ladies and gentlemen who lent their assistance on this occasion would form a valuable nucleus for a reorganised Philharmonic society. We are sure they would meet with the appreciation they deserve. A bold leader is all that is required to rush into the present musical gap.

CARWAR STATE RAILWAY.

CARWAR TO HOOBLEE AND GUDDUK.

Plans, Estimates, and Specifications for this line have been prepared by Mr. Shaw, the Chief Engineer.

2. The following observations, containing an analysis of Mr. Shaw's estimate, and also treating of matters connected with the scheme on which he has not touched, will, it is hoped, assist in the consideration of this subject; and to facilitate reference to the plans, I will give a short description of them to indicate where any particular information is given.

3. They consist of.

1st—An index plan, comprising the collectorates of North Canara and Dharwar, on which the general direction of the line as now laid out is shown.

2nd—A reduced plan on a scale of 2 inches to a mile with a section to the same horizontal scale and a vertical one of 1 inch to 100 feet. These are reduced copies of the working plans and sections, are continuous, and show the curves, gradients, bridges, and culverts, rendering a reference to the working plans only necessary for actual details.

3rd—Working plans and sections to a scale of 1 inch to 4 statute chains horizontal and 20 feet vertical. On sidelong ground the centre line is plotted on the plan, and the cuttings being coloured red and the embankments green, a very good idea can be formed of the nature of the ground at those places. Retaining walls are also marked on the plan. On the sections the cuttings and heights or depths of cuttings and embankments, with quantities of earthwork, trial pits or borings, drainage areas, and a few cross sections to give a general idea of the slope of the ground. There are also separate sheets containing a very large number of cross sections.

4th—A full set of working drawings of bridges, culverts, stations, &c.

4. A specification is attached, so that contracts could at once be entered into for any portion of the work.

5. The estimates are in full detail, each district being shown separately. Attached to the report is a schedule of rates for each district, together with a summary of the estimates.

6. The report itself describes fully the main features of the line and the deviations from the original survey of 1869. The gradients of the Ghauts in which the line has been lengthened about half a mile, but with improved gradients and reduction of work. On District No. 2 the increase in length is about 4 miles; but it will be necessary either still further to increase this distance, or to add to the work between the 21st and 26th miles, to obtain a gradient of 1 in 80 instead of 1 in 61. Mr. Shaw is confident that a deviation can be made to effect this On District No. 3 the increase in length is about 8 miles, but a rolling gradient of 1 in 40 instead of 1 in 17 has been obtained with a vast reduction in work. The earthwork on this district can be still more reduced, and as cross sections have been taken at almost every chain, a careful measurement of the ground in the direction and altered location could be done in the office, and should, I think, be at once taken in hand. Press of time prevented its being done to accompany this report. On District No. 4 there is an increase in distance of about 14 miles with considerable reduction in work. The total increase in distance between Carwar and Hooblee on the survey of 1869 is therefore 14 miles, but with improved gradients and at reduced cost.

7. The following summary of the principal items of the Estimates of 1869 and 1871 will show at a glance where the great difference lies:—

CARWAR TO HOOBLEE.

Items.	Total Cost. 1869.	1871.	Cost per Mile. 1869.	1871.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Earthwork	30,43,413	14,15,154	32,397	13,787
Rock-cutting	8,0,418	3,39,347	8,381	3,005
Bridges and Culverts	19,98,333	9,58,500	20,925	7,616
Tunnels	5,21,4'0	1,79,476	5,553	1,737
Permanent-way	10,55,399	14,97,216	24,327	13,949
Ballast	21,044	2,58,764	10,691	2,361
Fencing	2,88,566	.....	3,000	.....
Level Crossings	37,000	6,800	393	62
Road Diversions	63,712	9,844	667	90
Clearing Jungle	38,001	.....	377	.....
Telegraph	42,000	35,143	420	350
Stations	5,50,000	1,64,888	5,760	1,505
Total of above items	1,00,39,501	48,00,290	1,14,548	43,805

8. This difference arises partly from a decrease in the amount of works and the rates at which they have been estimated, but also some works, such as fencing, being omitted, and also from others, such as stations, being designed for a minimum traffic.

9. Mr. Shaw's prices for earthwork vary from 4 to 6 annas, and for masonry from 8 to 10; but as the latter only includes three-fourths of his embankments, I would roughly estimate the reduction at 30 per cent. Mr. Shaw is very confident, from information he has received from Executive Engineers and Contractors on this coast, that when the railway construction his prices will not be exceeded. If contractors accustomed to waggon work could be obtained, I am confident that 6 annas on the ghauts, where the line would have always 250 yards from cutting to embankment, would be ample. In such a case the cuttings only were estimated. Mr. Shaw has calculated his cuttings at slopes of 1 to 1 and in some cases 1 to 1. I have some doubts of this latter being sufficient.

10. For masonry Mr. Shaw's prices are only one-half of Mr. Bunchanan's. In districts where stone, brick, clay and fuel are plentiful, I think Mr. Shaw's rates, viz. Rs. 10 to Rs. 12½ per cubic yard, are sufficient, notwithstanding the scarcity of lime and cocoanut fibre.

11. The total length of tunnelling is 1,005 yards, and the longest one on the ghauts at the 38th mile Mr. Shaw hopes to be able to avoid by a short diversion of the line. His average rate is Rs. 180 per yard, and as the sectional area is only one-third, and the lining only one-half that of tunnels for a wide gauge double line, the amount seems ample.

12. A 36-lb. rail is estimated for and of steel for District No. 3. On curves of 330 feet radius the outer rail is one per cent. longer than the inner, and this in a 20 feet rail amounts to 2¼ inches. To avoid frequent cutting of rails and repunching of holes for fish bolts, three different lengths might be sent out, of say 20 ft., 20 ft. 1½ inch, and 20 ft. 2½ inch, as they would suit curves of 5, 8, and 12 chains radius.

13. The depth of ballast is a little in excess of that named in the instructions issued by the Government of India. With heavy embankments or in a black soil country 6 inches under the sleepers is not sufficient, and should be 18 inches at least beyond the ends of the sleepers, or it is difficult for platelayers to keep the rails in line. A little extra ballast fully repays itself in wages for maintaining the permanent-way in line and levels.

14. Fencing has been omitted altogether, as it is understood that some alteration in the law is contemplated with reference to the herding of cattle that will render fencing unnecessary on railways where the speed of trains is limited to 15 miles an hour.

15. Swing bars are designed for level crossings with 400 yards of fencing.

16. The cost of telegraph is put down at Rs. 850 per mile. Mr. Buchanan named Rs. 450.

17. The stations are of the plainest description, consisting of a shed, booking office, and Station Master's room. At Carwar, Yellapoor, Hooblee and Gudduk running sheds are estimated for. These will also serve as temporary workshops for petty repairs. At Carwar I would place the workshops, stores, &c., in the present Government depot, and the most convenient place for the passenger and goods station would be where the two roads branch off near the Government Stores, and a line laid thence to the Bunder.

18. I would recommend only one class of locomotives for this line. This should be an eight-wheeled engine weighing when loaded 24 tons and utilizing the whole of its weight for traction. The fire-box should be designed for burning wood fuel, and it should be able to traverse 5 chain curves with ease. The Fairlie engine, if not too complicated, has most of these requirements, with the additional advantage of not requiring turntables, working equally well in both directions.

19. Bogie carriages and waggons are generally recommended for lines with sharp curves, but small vechicles are preferable for this country from the greater ease with which ordinary coolies can move them about the stations and the probability of their being more fully loaded. The objection to small waggons is, that, as usually constructed, the space between each waggon adds materially to the length of the train, but with centre buffers and closely coupled with radial couplings this would be reduced to a minimum. The only advantage I can see in bogie carriages and waggons is the reduction in the number of brake and brakesmen.

20. Mr. Shaw has not included rolling-stock in his estimate. Six thousand rupees per mile will, I think, be a fair sum to allow for it.

21. The following statement of cost per mile compiled from Mr. Shaw's estimate (but including rolling-stock) will show at once the peculiarities of each district:—

Estimated Cost per Mile.

Description.	District Number. 1	2	3	4	5	Average.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Earthwork	4,18	10,650	25,420	10,797	3,458	10,675
Rock-cutting	2,444	1,455	3,000	.....	1,156	2,80
Bridges and Culverts	3,998	6,618	13,930	4,090	4,912	6,403
Retaining walls	519	...	2,789	75	81	576
Tunnels	3,159	...	5,187	...	...	1,238
Permanent-way and sidings	12,476	12,333	15,418	13,948	14,792	13,941
Ballasting	1,256	1,276	4,20	2,100	2,10	2,98
Fencing	12	114	34	41	1	49
Level crossings	97	96	46	110	...	68
Road diversions	86	856	856	859	850	85
Telegraph	2,068	849	1,949	1,435	1,354	1,448
Land	90	9	96	96	96	96
Contingencies and Engineering	8,14	8,654	19,893	8,385	7,453	10,120
Rs.	40,76	43,272	93,46	41,947	37,364	50,602
Rolling Stock	6,00	6,00	6,00	6,000	6,000	6,00
Rs.	46,76	49,272	99,46	47,947	43,364	56,6
1 Year's Maintenance	1,5	1,500	2,00	1,500	1,500	1,5
Total ... Rs	48,2	50,772	1,07,46	49,447	44,864	58,186

22. This gives a total from Carwar to Gudduk of Rs. 84,18,583 including rolling-stock and maintenance for one year. Maintenance I have placed last as I have some doubt whether it should be charged to capital or to the first year's revenue from traffic.

23. The traffic between Carwar and Hooblee has been estimated at Rs. 14,000 per mile per annum, and this estimate appears to be based on reliable statistics. Between Hooblee and Gudduk Rs. 10,000 per mile has been assumed. The annual receipts based on the above would be as follows:—

	Miles	Rs.	Rs.
Carwar to Hooblee	109·53 at	14,000 =	15,34,129
Hooblee to Gudduk	35·11 at	10,000 =	3,51,100
Total Annual Receipts			18,85,229

24. This traffic would be worked by a mixed train of passengers and goods each way daily, as passengers are expected to be few in number, and supplement by special goods trains to suit the traffic.

25. The ruling gradients naturally divide the line into three districts, viz.:—

	Distance. Miles.	Ruling Gradients. Ascending.	Descending.
Carwar to 46th mile	46	1 in 80	1 in 80
46th Mile to Yellapoor	22	1 in 40	1 in 80
Yellapoor to Gudduk	76¼	1 in 100	1 in 100

This is on the supposition that the 1 in 61 at the 21st to 26th mile is altered, as also the 1 in 80 near Yellapoor.

26. Considering the nature of the traffic, and it is expected that five-sixths of the goods traffic would be to the Coast, I would suggest its being divided into two working sections only, instead of three as now, the station at Yellapoor and having no special class of engines or separate expensive ghaut establishment. The loads between Yellopoor and Carwar might then be regulated solely by the ruling gradient of 1 in 80, as I am confident that with a proper system of brakes applied to all vehicles, the load that an engine would take up 1 in 80 could safely be taken down 1 in 40, especially, where, as in the present instance, there are to be many breaks. The incline of both level portions and ascending gradients. This shows that as regards the great bulk of the traffic the loads may be regulated by a ruling gradient of 1 in 80, and it will be seen by the following statement of Yellapoor traffic that the line would be a profitable one even at a greatly increased cost and with a greatly reduced traffic.

27. Duty of a 24-ton engine utilizing all its weight for traction.

Narrow Gauge Stock.

Gradients	Mixed Trains. Carriages Tons.	Passenger Tons.	Waggons Tons.	Goods Tons.	Goods Trains. Waggons Tons.	Goods Tons.
1 in 80	15	7½	36	97½	43½	112½
1 in 40	15	7½	36	17½	43½	32½
Present Wide Gauge Stock.						
1 in 80	22½	7½	63	63	78	78
1 in 40	22½	7½	46 only		76 only	

28. With the statistics of the working of the present Indian lines as a basis, the above will enable us to form an approximate estimate for the working of the narrow gauge. It shows that with the present wide gauge stock the paying load would be only one-half that on the narrow gauge, as in the one case one mixed and one goods train would only contain 141 tons of goods in one direction, and would have to leave 19 tons of waggons behind on the return journey, whereas in the other case the paying load in one direction would be 210 tons, all empty vehicles would be hauled back together with 50 tons of goods.

29. This reduction of one-half would be in locomotive expenses, and maintenance and renewal of permanent-way and rolling stock, which from about two-thirds of the total working expenses of Indian Railways. A reduction of 33 per cent. may therefore be calculated on, by this where, with the present wide gauge stock, the working expenses are 50 per cent. of receipts, they would on the narrow gauge be only 33½ per cent.

30. But any estimate based either on a percentage of receipts or a rate per mile per annum, can only be a guess, requiring great experience and local knowledge to be even approximate. The nearest approach to accuracy is a train mile rate based on the gross weight of the train. This resolves itself as regards two-thirds the cost of working, to a rate per ton per mile.

31. According to Mr. Rendel's note on work done by the East Indian Railway Company, attached to the Government Report, it appears that the goods trains carried only 40 per cent. of their maximum capacity. This is accounted for by the difficulty of obtaining full train loads both ways and from mineral train waggons returning empty. The line will partake somewhat of those peculiarities, and I therefore purpose taking 40 per cent. of the maximum as the average paying load which would give a train of 160 tons gross load with a ruling gradient of 1 in 80. The gross weight of an average goods train on the East Indian line appears to be about 380 tons, and the cost per train mile Rs. 1-30-0 or nine-tenths of a pie per ton per mile. I have no information as to the ruling gradient on that line, but I think I am safe in assuming that an engine of equal power would haul about double the load on East Indian, it would on the Carwar line, and this would give a rate of 1 8/10 pies per ton per mile, which on 160 tons gross load would be Rs 1-8-0 or 3 shillings per train mile. This works out so closely to the cost of working of Indian lines generally, taking into consideration the peculiarities of each, that I look upon it as the nearest approach to accuracy that can be made.

32. To obtain an approximate train mileage I will suppose that the mixed train would take down to the Coast an average of 50 tons daily for 200 days, and from the Coast 10 tons for 200 days, or 10,000 tons in one direction and 2,000 in the other, leaving the traffic at 70,000 tons of goods in one direction and 15,000 in the other, this leaves 60,000 tons to be carried by specials in 665 trains and 13,000 tons in 296 trains. This is on the supposition of the trains carrying 80 per cent. of their maximum capacity in one direction and altered location could be done in the office, and should, I think, be at once taken in hand. Press of time prevented its being done to accompany this report. On District No. 4 there is an increase in distance of about 14 miles with considerable reduction in work. The total increase in distance between Carwar and Hooblee on the survey of 1869 is therefore 14 miles, but with improved gradients and at reduced cost.

	Miles.	Trains.	Train Miles.
Carwar to Hooblee.	2,454 by 109½	290,813	
Hooblee to Gudduk.	1,690 by 35	56,000	
Total train miles			346,813

33. The above train mileage is for a mixed train each way, daily, with accommodation for 150 passengers; goods trains, which, together with the mixed trains, would carry 70,000 tons to the coast, and 15,000 tons from it, and calculating a load of only 40 per cent. of the capacity of the waggons. Taking this at Rs. 1½ per train mile, the annual cost of working would be Rs. 5,19,219.

34. We have now the estimated cost of the line Rs. 84,18,583, the traffic Rs. 18,85,229, and the working expenses Rs. 5,19,219, leaving a profit of Rs. 13,65,301, or rather more than 16 per cent. on the capital. This is, no doubt, a favourable view of the case, but I think it would be a profitable one even at a greatly increased cost and with a greatly reduced traffic.

35. Should it be decided on to proceed with the construction of the line, I would recommend that the first district from Carwar to the 17th mile be at once let by contract. Also that the line should be located as quickly as possible, at least as far as Hooblee, and work commenced at all points.

36. Tenders should be decided on and contracts can be let, as it would not be profitable to work any portion for traffic short of Hooblee.

37. The materials for permanent way and ballast waggons should be at once indented for, stored at Carwar, and forwarded along the line as carriage was available. There would be altogether about 10,000 tons for which sufficient return carts could be obtained if materials were always ready in store for transmission when locomotives arrived. To establish the line a depot as high up the Gungavulli river as possible, advantage might also be taken of return carts from Coompta to Dharwar and Hoobli.

37. Mr. Shaw has included in his estimate the cost of the whole of the permanent-way materials, and to facilitate earthwork, by employing waggons, and thus reducing the number of labourers one half, they should be delivered at numerous depots all along the line. It might be advisable to make the line broader than 20 feet, with a view to taking advantage of pack bullocks for taking them to places difficult of access by other means.

38. The rolling stock should be sent to Carwar. Locomotives could easily be erected there, and timber for carriages and waggons is cheaper there than elsewhere.

39. Notice should be given at as early a date as possible to the Conservator of Forests for the supply of sleepers, in order that he may have time to provide well-

public scandal and possible miscarriage of justice; and, as has been already said, it was his extreme and unjustifiable violence which, in the Lieutenant-Governor's opinion, gave rise to the altercation of 23rd September, for which that Lieutenant-Governor blames both him and Mr. Hogg. Of the offensive and insubordinate letter of 4th October, the Lieutenant-Governor has already expressed his opinion as most fully confirming his general view of the overbearing and intemperate style habitually adopted by Mr. Roberts.

19. The Lieutenant-Governor has no doubt that Mr. Roberts is a well meaning, and that he has been a useful public servant; but he thinks that his habit of appearing conspicuously before the public, and his tenure of a considerable local office without control and supervision, have really led to an overwhelming self assertion and love of notoriety, which is utterly inconsistent with the proper exercise of judicial functions, and with the relations which, in his judicial capacity, he holds with the executive of the town.

20. If the Lieutenant-Governor had seen any signs of his being amenable to the opinion of Government, or that remonstrance and censure would induce him to moderate his conduct, His Honor would very gladly have allowed him to finish what has been (the above remarks notwithstanding), on the whole, an honourable career, during the short period which intervenes before his retirement in ordinary course; but in his reply to the letter of 9th October (which indicates the points where, in the Lieutenant-Governor's opinion, he was open to censure), he shows no sign or symptom of submission to that censure. His answer is, and the last letter received from him simply calls in question the Lieutenant-Governor's powers to deal with the case. The Lieutenant-Governor sees no possibility, under present circumstances, of restoring him to the office from which he has been suspended. His Honor would be glad if he could find any other suitable office for him, and all the more if it were one which would admit of his activity in local politics,—an activity which, though hardly consistent with the equable discharge of his functions as a Judge, has, on the whole, been probably useful. He fears, however, that it will be very difficult to find such an office.

21. The Lieutenant-Governor having alluded, both in the letter of 9th October, and in this resolution, to Mr. Roberts's part in local politics (which, though a very subsidiary matter, has been brought into some prominence in the public prints), takes this opportunity of expressing his views more explicitly.

His Honor certainly does not blame Mr. Roberts for the part he has taken, except as a matter of taste and discretion, the fact having of course been all along fully known to the authorities; and His Honor has already stated his belief that Mr. Roberts's action as a member of the Corporation, and performing the part of the opposition, has been on the whole useful; but none the less he considers this part to be inconsistent with the functions of a purely judicial officer. No one supposed that when Mr. Beales became a County Court Judge he could still continue to be a political leader in the metropolis; still less would it have been so had Mr. Beales been made a Police Magistrate. He would certainly never have been allowed to make, on the Police Bench, and off it, continued war on the police and the executive. To prevent any misapprehension therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor says distinctly that though he believes Mr. Roberts would be a loss as a member of the Corporation, yet, had it been possible to continue him in his judicial office, the Lieutenant-Governor would probably have made it a condition that he should cease from taking the very active part he now does in local politics. It is nothing to the purpose that other Judges may have occasionally gone among the Justices to represent particular matter; none of them habitually leave the Bench on every occasion to attend every meeting. The Lieutenant-Governor, indeed, fails to see how this can be reconciled with the mere duty of trying police cases. Mr. Roberts must systematically have postponed his cases to his attendance in every meeting.

22. The Lieutenant-Governor will now consider what arrangements it is possible to make, and will ascertain Mr. Roberts's position in regard to service and claims to pension. Meantime he thinks it desirable that the grounds of his action should be made known; and that it should be intimated to Mr. Roberts that the Lieutenant-Governor can not restore him to the position from which he has been suspended.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, S. C. BAYLEY, Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Copy forwarded to Mr. Roberts, to the Commissioner of Police, to the Solicitor to Government, and to the Government of India, Home Department.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, A. MACKENZIE, Junior Secy to the Govt of Bengal.

Fort William, the 28th November 1871.

A NOTICE signed by the representatives of the Mercantile, Trading, Native, and non-official community has been sent to the Chairman of the Calcutta Justices, requesting him to put the following Resolution on the List of Business to be brought forward at the Meeting of Justices, called for the 11th instant:—

"That in the opinion of the Justices, the services of Mr. J. B. Roberts, since the formation of the Corporation, have conduced largely to the public benefit, and deserve the special thanks of the Justices and of the community of Calcutta, Native and European."—*Indian Daily News.*

AMEER KHAN'S CASE.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION—November 29, 1871.

(Before COUCH, CJ., and MACPHERSON and JACKSON, JJ.)

THE QUEEN *v.* AMIR KHAN AND OTHERS.

THIS was an appeal by Amir Khan from the sentence and finding of the Sessions Court of Patna.

Mr. Ameer (with him Mr. Ingram) appeared for Amir Khan. The Advocate-General (with him Mr. Wilkinson) for the Crown.

Mr. Ameer, after stating that he appeared for Amir Khan only, proceeded to open his case. He stated that the appellant had been arraigned before the Sessions Judge of Patna on two charges: 1st, in respect of [illegible] 131 of the Indian Penal Code; and in this case [illegible] to the opinion [illegible] second charge.

With respect to the evidence given at the trial, I submit that since all the testimony was that of approvers, and uncorroborated, it was inadmissible; and even supposing it was admissible for any purpose without corroboration, in this instance at least it was the duty of the Judge to refuse it, because of gross infractions of the provisions of the Code regulating the taking of such evidence. The learned Judge, while condemning what had been done, accepts the evidence. There is nothing peculiar or local in that rule of English law that confessions improperly obtained cannot be used in evidence. I will now make certain preliminary objections, which are shortly these: 1st, that the only overt acts proved, if they can be taken to have been proved, against my client, and the only ones relied on after the acquittal of the acts laid in the first charge, were all committed in Calcutta, if any were. These charges were framed by the Court itself by way of amendment of the original charges; therefore the Court must have been aware of the facts, and could not have been taken by surprise. This is a substantial objection, for Amir Khan, being at the time of the arrest a resident of Calcutta, and there being no jurisdiction in any Court to try him other than the Court in whose jurisdiction the offence was committed, was entitled to have been tried by a jury in the High Court, and would have had the right and privilege of being heard on all matters and tried according to the English law of treason. The second objection I have is that of *non bis in idem*. The Government had two courses open to it in proceeding against persons suspected of treason, one was under Regulation III. of 1818, and the other under certain sections of the Penal Code. The Government had elected to proceed under the former of these two. The learned counsel then read Reg. III. of 1818 at some length. This Regulation had been under the consideration of the late Mr. Justice Norman when the application for the writ of Habeas Corpus was made, and it was again considered by Phear and Markby, JJ., when that matter came before them on appeal. It was necessary on that occasion to satisfy the Court that the appellant was not under arrest for a judgment. Phear, J., in treating of the warrant, thus speaks of it at 1 Beng. L. Rep. 468, 6 Ben. L. Rep.:—"It is equally clear that the warrant is not a warrant of arrest. It is a warrant of commitment, reciting that which is by virtue of the Regulation equivalent to a conviction. If it was enquivalent to a conviction, the maxim, *Non bis in idem* applies. The appellant was entitled to the plea of autrefois convict, and it was in evidence before Mr. Prinsep that Amir Khan had been arrested and undergone his punishment for certain offences, that he had been discharged, and that he was re-arrested upon charges relating to acts which were not even suggested to have been committed subsequent to his arrest on the 10th July 1869, but are distinctly alleged to have been committed between the years 1861 and 1867, and the opinion of Mr. Justice Phear was in consonance with the principles of English law. The learned counsel then proceeded to show the similarity between the procedure by a bill of pains and penalties, and that under Regulation III. of 1818, citing the case of Atterbury, Bishop of Rochester, reported in 16 How. St. Tr., p. 468, and the 9 of Geo. I. C. 15, 16, 17. If then Mr. Justice Phear's description of the warrant under Reg. III. of 1818 is the correct one, and it is clear that it must be, the Government, being invested with authority, elect to proceed in an extra-judicial manner and not in the ordinary course, has its choice of procedure, and the prisoner is entitled to be protected and to plead autrefois convict. This objection was rejected by Mr. Prinsep.

The third objection is a formal one, and I shall do no more than state it. The magistrate issued the warrant without complying with the requisition of the Code. There was no complaint laid before the magistrate, nor any deposition taken by him prior to the issuing of the warrants. The date of the warrant is the 4th January 1871, and the day on which the deposition was taken was the 5th of the same month. The record shows that the warrant preceded by one day the taking of the deposition.

I shall now proceed to the merits of the case. The appellant had a house at Patna, or rather Azimabad, although residing and carrying on business in Calcutta. The books of the Azimabad house and the Calcutta house were separate and distinct. There seems to have risen great confusion in the mind of Mr. Prinsep from the fact that there is another Amir Khan of Patna, whose name appears in the appellant's books, and with whom there were certain dealings and hundi transactions. In respect to one of these transactions, the cashing of a draft at Azimabad, which the prosecution alleged was paid to certain agents of the rebels; but the prosecution fail to show that this transaction was any other than an ordinary business transaction. It is now a matter of history how a member of Parliament was dealt with in a transaction such as the prosecution strive to represent this. Mr. Stansfeld, a banker, who had honored the drafts of Mazzini, was rightly held not to be liable for the uses to which his client might apply the money, it being remarked that a banker cannot be responsible for the private morals of his customers. I do not admit for one moment that the payments made by my client were for treasonable purposes, much less that he was aware of the use to which they were to be put. But does the evidence on this part of the case prove any such thing? In 1864,—and there is no pretence that the appellant was even suspected before that period—in the month of February of that year, Amir Khan's house in Calcutta was invaded by the detectives, who came with no warrant and who in fact on their own representation had not made up their minds as to the course they intended to adopt. According to the evidence of the prosecution, Major Parsons with his prime agent, Nobo Kisto Ghose, went to the business place of Amir Khan and showed him certain letters of one Meer Jan, and asked if those were his letters. The reply was yes. Now it is to be noticed that neither Major Parsons nor Nobo Kisto Ghose, a Hindu, were acquainted with the Persian character, and that Nobo Kisto had very little knowledge of his Urdu. Had it been intended to use these letters with all fairness and honesty, they ought to have been marked for the purposes of identification, but no such thing is done. These letters so shown to Amir Khan as they allege and admitted by him to be his are produced against him in the enquiry before the magistrate, and again on the trial at the sessions, and are admitted without further identification. Here there is an important link wanting. But that is not all. There is a very grave suspicion connected with the alleged trover of these documents. The arrest of Kazee Myan Jan took place on the 24th of December 1863 and not on the 23rd March 1864. Mr. Prinsep is entirely mistaken as to the date. The date of the warrant of arrest as it appears from the proceedings at the trial at Umballa is the 27th of December 1863, the other date, viz., the 23rd of March 1864, is the date of commitment. What then are the facts? Myan Jan was arrested in December 1863 and "ex concessis" the trover did not take place until February 1864. What identification is there then of these documents? Had this house stood empty, or still worse, was it in the possession of the detectives during the period between the arrest of Myan Jan and the trover? If instead of in Myan Jan's it was in Amir Khan's house these documents had been found whilst Amir Khan was in confinement, grave suspicion would be roused, and much greater is the objection to the admission of these documents in the present case. One of these letters had no envelope, the other two were said to have envelopes with the dates stamped on the foot of those envelopes. And here I have to point out a most curious circumstance in connection with the order in which these three letters L1, M1 A, N1 A. were marked and made exhibits in this case. Mr. Prinsep for some reason of his own has in receiving these letters reversed the order of their letters, making L1 the first instead of the last of the correspondence. This bears heavily on the appellant, for it makes the correspondence appear to commence with a query as to whom the money was to be transmitted and to what place. Yet that letter was written no less than seven months after two remittances had been made to the same person and the same place and for the same purposes by Amir Khan, if the evidence of the prosecution is to be believed. On looking at the dates of the letters M. and N., it is quite certain that those letters are not replies to letter L. The prosecution wish it to be believed that after a man has made two remittances to the same man at the same place, that he should then receive instructions how the money should be transmitted. A more clumsy and bungling forgery—and I do not hesitate to call these letter forgeries—I have never met. And I submit that this seeming weighty evidence against Amir Khan would have been more easily cleared of its suspicious aspect.

Mr. Anstey then read the evidence of certain witnesses to show the nature of the hundi transactions referred to in these letters, and alleged to be connected with the Wahabee conspiracy in Amir Khan's house. Again I would draw your Lordships' attention to the gross irregularity with regard to the witnesses on the arrest of the appellant. He together with his munib, Mosahib Ali, were taken to Mr. Reily's house, and on the following morning was taken to the magistrate at Patna, where bail was taken from Amir Khan, and Mosahib Ali, together with others, were taken that evening by Major Farsons to Umballa. This Mosahib Ali is not the only one of the witnesses kept in confinement as I shall presently show. The provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code seem to be respected in the High Courts alone and to be set at naught elsewhere. Section 168 of the Criminal Procedure Code providing for the execution of recognizances by prosecutors and witnesses to appear before the magistrate, concludes with these words, "No police officer shall accompany the prosecutor or witnesses on his or their way to the Court of the magistrate." And Mr. Prinsep has in his work on this Code appended a note to this section. "The evidence should be sent in as found, should not be kept by the police until they have made it all complete." Then in section 159, "A police officer shall not subject any prosecutor or witness to restraint or unnecessary inconvenience, nor require them to give any other security for their appearance than their own recognizances." Then follow directions how they are to act, where the prosecutor refuses to attend. I shall show that no less than 100 witnesses have been in confinement. Then again in section 203, "Except as provided in section 209 no influence by means of any promise or threat or otherwise shall be used to the accused person to induce him to disclose or withhold any matter within his knowledge." The exception contained in section 209 is the power given to a magistrate to tender a pardon to an accomplice, a course not adopted by Mr. Prinsep, but they got what they wanted on oath by other irregular means.

(To be Continued.)

THE PAUMBEN CHANNEL.

THE *Ceylon Examiner* of the 29th says—"Mr. Townshend's Report on the Paumben Channel has only just been published. We confess when we read it, it was not without a severe sense of disappointment. All the various lines which since the last twenty years have been before the public are summarily disposed of, and to our utter astonishment the cost of what is pronounced the easiest, and cheapest, and best line is put down at £1,386,786. This, after we had been told on professional and non-professional authority that the cost need not exceed half-a-million sterling. Mr. Townshend's report is sufficiently startling to make a sensation, and the impression that Mr. Townshend's report will produce must be lasting as to the blame of official contradiction. Mr. Townshend may have acted to the best of his judgment as a professional man, but we think, from the tenor of his report, that he has committed a grave error of judgment in not having called in the aid of other professional men. Mr. Townshend's report is not of a character to carry conviction to the minds of the public, or to the Government, and we cannot but think that some other professional men will once more be brought to the front of official consideration. We must also say that the money required could not be afforded. It is possible Mr. Townshend may have erred to the extent to which all professional men are liable,—that of overrating difficulties and giving a too large margin for contingencies, but on the other hand we should not forget that non-professional men are too much prone to underrate, to make light of difficulties, or even to overlook difficulties altogether. However, even making every allowance for these two possible sources of error, we can hardly reject the conviction, that the cost of a ship channel on the north of Ceylon, whatever line be selected, must be rather over than under £1,000,000, an amount which the colony cannot afford, and which the home Exchequer is not likely to invest on such a work, at least just now.

GALLE HARBOUR.

(Ceylon Examiner, Nov. 29.)

MR. TOWNSHEND has been engaged during the fortnight in examining and reporting on Galle harbour. His report must now be ready,—as he has booked his passage home by the outgoing mail—and will doubtless be laid on the Council table on Wednesday. In the meantime we learn that he has pronounced on the entire feasibility of protecting Galle Harbour by a breakwater, at a cost not exceeding one-third of a million. We do not grudge Galle a safe harbour, and we are sufficiently selfish, in the interests of the whole island, to hope that this decision will not affect the prospects of a harbour for Colombo. The question is one of supreme indifference to the Colombo subscribers, but if they had any partialities in the matter, these would be in favour of Galle, where imperial interests could be as well served by a good and safe harbour. It therefore behoves all who are really interested in the present and the future commercial prosperity of the island, to unite in supporting the Government in their wise to provide Colombo with a harbour suited to its requirements. We believe the Government have not decided on any particular scheme yet, and it is therefore the more incumbent on the public to indicate which of the half dozen reported on by Mr. Townshend would be most suitable. The Chamber of Commerce, we are glad to observe, are bestirring themselves in the matter. But it would not by any means be amiss for the public, by a general meeting, to strengthen the position the Chamber will take, assured, as every one must now feel, that the Chamber is in favour of a breakwater, leaving the question of docks for future decision.

TAINE'S HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE.*

(Spectator, Nov. 4.)

MR VAN LAUN has done a difficult task admirably by translating into the English of a scholar one of the most brilliant books that France has produced for years. The work was made hard by the peculiarity of M. Taine's style, which is only a shade less different from the prose of Voltaire and Pascal than the style of Carlyle is from the prose of Addison and Goldsmith. He has wilfully shot away from the classical simplicity, the logical regularity, the economy of phrase, by which the masters of French and English prose gain their effects. They spoke to an age in which the mass of readers stood on a higher plane of culture than those of our day, when courtiers, ecclesiastics, fine ladies, the wits of Paris, and the literary clubs of critical London could sentence a play, a poem, an essay, to at least momentary neglect or momentary fame. M. Taine writes for the far different medley of all the world that reads French,—the Bohemians of Paris, the students of the Quartier Latin, the Olympian divinities of Orleanism who hold in their hands the keys of the Academy, the fat shopkeepers who go to Dieppe in August to bathe, the butterflies of fashion who used to crowd the salons of the Tuileries and now go to see "Une Visite de Noces," the Americans who are intent on spending the profits of "Rhody" in the French capital, the Bentham-mate minds of critical London, everybody who seeks to know thoughts as well as things. He is like one of those Dutch painters who saw that they would draw a crowd round their pictures if they filled up every corner with such matter as the Dutch delight in, a broken pipe, a shapeless broken pitcher, cabbages, a brace of pheasants hung in the window of a poulterer, a labyrinth of wrinkles on the face of an old woman, all painted so faithfully that each gleaner would find an old acquaintance in such detail. That is precisely what is done by M. Taine. He cannot state either the simplest or the most complex truth without tying a crowd of pictures to its tail. The most homely images are crowded into a subtle analysis of the cause that give shape and colour to art, and of the notes that ring through such literatures as the Elizabethan. A long string of mountains, horses, coins, pictures, cabbages, fiddles, pulpits, bows and arrows are crowded into the philosophical laboratory, so that we seem to be in a marine storeshop, hung round with panoramas of the Himalayan Mountains, the Vatican, Cremorne Gardens, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, and the fruit stalls of Covent Garden. There is such a glow of colour, such minuteness of detail, such careful finish, expended on the carving of a lady's fan, that we seem to be looking at a picture by Teniers; such a picture as that in which Dives goes down to the place appointed for rich men, and, clad in the glory of an Indian dressing-gown, is tended by horribly grotesque figures that play on flutes made of their own noses, and dance about the sulphuric cavern like so many imps. But the likeness ends with the variety of hue and crowd of details. Teniers thought only of boors drinking beer from long-necked mugs, peasants dancing, and rich men finding that the Devil was a master of pantomime; whereas Taine gives utterance to the thought of all the world,—German metaphysics, Indian philosophy, the system of Comte, the critical canons of Renan, the last word of French scepticism, the Hebraic faith of the Puritans, the influence of a Semitic book like the Bible on an Aryan race like the English. His writings teem with the images cast by the thoughts of other men. And, we repeat, he goes away from the rules of French rhetoric precisely because he seeks to give his readers a firm grasp of whatever he speaks about. His style is a model of clearness, force, epigrammatic point, and lightness. So far it is as French as the style of Voltaire. But it is made as brilliant as that of Macaulay by the wealth of the illustrations, and it gathers the kaleidoscopic hues of Mr. Carlyle's rhetoric from the multitude of details which seem to reflect the hues of all created things as if it were a room of mirrors.

We have minutely noted the features of M. Taine's rhetoric, because it marks a separation from the classic regularity of the style which grew up in the atmosphere of Louis Quatorze, when the audience was small, refined, delicately sensitive to any undue loudness of note, quick to appland subtility of tone in epigram, satire, eloquence, and oratory. The Democracy will henceforth give the law to French taste, as well as to French politics. The Academy will insensibly broaden and roughen the old canons of rhetoric. And M. Taine, one of the ablest men in France, one of her most scholarly men of letters, one of her acutest thinkers, and perhaps her most brilliant rhetorician, marks the turn of the tide.

But the half-Carlylian brilliancy of the book is a mere trifle, in comparison with the merits of its subsoil. It will take its place in the very foremost rank of works on the literature of England. Such students as Professor Morley or Professor Masson might not find it difficult to impugn the profundity of M. Taine's acquaintance with the less trodden walks of our literature; but even as a display of scholarship it will take a high place, and we do not hesitate to add that no English book can bear comparison with it for richness of thought, for variety, keenness, and soundness of critical judgment, for the brilliancy with which the material from the usual fea tures of each age are sketched. The author means the book to be a history of more than the literature of England. Indeed, he cares little for her poets, her dramatists, and her philosophers, except as they throw light up the character of her people and the secret of their national progress. And he brings out that secret in a fashion of his own. He differs from such critics as Sainte-Beuve in having a definite theory. The literature and art of every period, he says, take their shape and colour from the forces of the time by which they spring into existence. They are the exact equation of the forces that dwell in the race, the surroundings, and the epoch. The literature or the art of one age differs as widely from the literature and art of another as the 19th century differs from another. Hence the true way to study the books of the Elizabethan time is to begin by studying the time itself. We must glance at the uprise of Luther, the ferment in Germany, the hatred of the clergy by the common people, the sloth and vice of the monkish orders, the old quarrel between England and Rome, the Tudor defiance of the Pope, the zeal with which the gentry and the nobles rushed to the study of the classics when they saw the glories of chivalry fading before the light of the new day, the eagerness with which the men of letters studied the dramas of Greece, the love of excitement which the common people had transferred from the representation of miracle-plays to that of plays which dealt with classic story, the brutality of the populace, the coarseness of speech and tone that marked the intercourse even of the Sydneys and the Raleighs, the rough and immoral Bohemianism on the life led by the men of letters, and the wonderful expansion given to men's thoughts by the revelations of science and the discovery of America. Thus we find the reason why the Elizabethan dramatists chose particular subjects and treat them in a particular way; why a family likeness links Greene, Marlowe, Beaumont and Fletcher, Webster, Massinger, Ben Jonson, and Shakespeare; why, in spite of their mental differences, they all seem to start from the same key-note. Hence M. Taine prefaces the special literary criticism of each epoch by an elaborate discussion of its general qualities. He minutely analyzes the character of the Saxons and the Normans, before he lays bare with his scalpel the bone and tissue of the literary organism in which mingle the blood of both.

Such is M. Teine's method, and its soundness admits of no question. Indeed, we might be tempted to call it commonplace, if the brilliant critic did not push it to such an extreme as to make it eclipse the influence of individual men. What Buckle does in history Taine does in criticism, by professing to attach importance only to general causes. Just as, in writing the history of the Reformation, the one would have us set little store by the personal force of Luther, and have tried to fix his eye solely on the general characteristics of the time, so the other seems to study Shakespeare and Milton, Bacon and Hobbes, merely as brilliant results, their petty passions, their fine minds, their gifts of literature, and not as the sources of other flowers; merely as individual curiosities, and not as centres of creative power. He thus stands at the furthest pole from Mr. Carlyle and the school of critics which looks solely to great men, and finds the secret of creeds and literatures in the Mahomets and the Dantes. The theory comes from the materialistic philosophy that the soul, the mind, the conscience are only the product of the forces which dwell in the material of our body, just as the shocks given by a galvanic battery are only the products of certain material substances. If we could analyze the material forces that dwell in race, circumstance, and time; if we could find out what amount of energy dwells in the Jewish, the Latin, and the English race, we could calculate the disturbing force introduced by the encroachment of race upon race, then might we construct, according to this theory, a science of society on lines of such exactness as those in which Sir John Herschel sketched his discovery of the laws and facts of astronomy. But even if the theory were true, to state such a problem is to demonstrate that it is insoluble. The whole space of humanity is peopled by bodies, now seen and now unseen, which several generations would be disturbing forces